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PAUL ROBESON, SR.

SAC, New York (100-56680) (Original & 1) January,

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Reference is made to New York letter to the Bureau dated 12/27/54 entitled "Amerikai Magyar Szó," transmitting translations from the October, November and December issues of this Hungarian-language publication.

An article in the November 4, 1954, issue of "Amerikai Magyar Szó" reflected that Mrs. Robeson, who attended a Hungarian meeting in the New York area, had a position in the Press Office of the United Nations.

The New York office is instructed to determine the accuracy of this information and specifically ascertain if Mrs. Robeson is employed in any capacity with the United Nations which would bring her within the purview of the United Nations loyalty program.

This information should be furnished the Bureau under the appropriate caption.

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[REDACTED] ON [REDACTED] ADVISED THAT b1/b7D  
MASS RALLY TO "FREE WILLIAM L. PATTERSON AND BENJAMIN  
DAVIS" UNDER AUSPICES OF CRC WAS HELD AS SCHEDULED  
EVENING OF 1/26/55, AT YUGOSLAV HALL, 405 WEST 41ST STREET,  
NYC. [REDACTED] ORALLY ADVISED SA [REDACTED] THAT THE b1/b7C  
RALLY WAS ATTENDED BY APPROXIMATELY 400 INDIVIDUALS.

SAM BARRON INTRODUCED LOU MOROZE OF NEW JERSEY CRC, WHO  
SERVED AS CHAIRMAN OF THE RALLY. SPEAKERS INCLUDED  
LOUISE PATTERSON, CARL MARZANI AND PAUL ROBESON. BEULAH  
RICHARDSON RECITED POEM ENTITLED "NEGRO AT BAR OF JUSTICE"  
EULOGIZING PATTERSON. LEON BIBB AND EARL ROBINSON  
ENTERTAINED WITH SONGS. OTHERS INTRODUCED INCLUDED SMITH

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ACT SUBJECTS JOE BRANDT, JUNIUS SCALES, REGINA FRANKFELD, AND THE WIFE OF JACOB MINDEL. COLLECTION SPEECH WAS HANDLED BY WILLIAM ALBERTSON, AND RAISED APPROXIMATELY \$500.00. ALBERTSON ATTACKED THE CONTINUED INCARCERATION OF PATTERSON AND DAVIS, LACK OF BAIL FOR THE ELEVEN, CONVICTION OF CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, AND STATED THAT HE WAS READY TO FIGHT IN DEFENSE OF THE RIGHTS OF ALL VICTIMS OF GOVERNMENT "PERSECUTION", INCLUDING THE RIGHTS OF THE COMMUNISTS. PAUL ROBESON INTERPOLATED HIS RECITAL OF AMERICAN, RUSSIAN AND CHINESE FOLK SONGS WITH REMARKS TO THE EFFECT THAT IT WAS AS CERTAIN AS HIS STANDING THERE THAT FORMOSA WOULD BE IN THE HANDS OF THE "CHINESE PEOPLE" AND "VERY SOON". ROBESON CHARGED THE UNITED STATES WITH TRYING TO VIOLATE CHINESE TERRITORY AND ATTEMPTED TO DRAW A PARALLEL WITH THE UNITED STATES POSITION IN THE PACIFIC WITH A HYPOTHETICAL CASE INVOLVING POSSIBLE OCCUPATION OF LONG ISLAND BY A FOREIGN POWER WHICH

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WOULD AROUSE PROTEST OF ALL AMERICANS AS THE PACIFIC  
OPERATION WAS CAUSING PROTEST BY THE CHINESE PEOPLE.  
ROBESON DESCRIBED THE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD AS BEING ON  
THE MARCH AND CALLED ON THE PEOPLE TO STAND UP AND FIGHT.  
RESOLUTIONS IN THE FORM OF WIRES FORWARDED TO THE ATTORNEY  
GENERAL FROM THE MEETING CALLED FOR THE ENDING OF THE  
PERSECUTION OF PATTERSON, DAVIS AND LIGHTFOOT, AND THE  
ENDING OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST NEGROES IN FEDERAL  
PRISONS GRANTING OF BAIL TO ELEVEN CP LEADERS PENDING  
FURTHER APPEAL. [REDACTED] COPIES OF THE RECORD "THE  
INVESTIGATOR" LAMPOONING SENATOR MC CARTHY SOLD AT  
\$3.75 EACH DURING THE EVENING. [REDACTED] ON [REDACTED]  
ADVISED THAT CRC DISTRIBUTED A MIMEOGRAPHED LETTER DATED 1/14/55  
CAPTIONED "URGENT" AND UNDERSIGNED SAMUEL BARRON. THE  
LATTER COMMUNICATION STATES CRC PRESENTLY ATTEMPTING TO  
COMPILE A CARD FILE ON ALL CIVIL RIGHTS CASES FEDERAL, STATE  
OR LOCAL. CRC HOPES TO PUT OUT A "FACT SHEET" DEALING WITH  
SMITH ACT CASES AND THEIR AFFECT ON CIVIL RIGHTS, AS WELL  
AS A MONTHLY PERIODICAL TO BE KNOWN AS "CIVIL RIGHTS LAW  
LETTER" DEALING IN GENERAL WITH CIVIL RIGHTS CASES, AND  
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WHICH WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AT THE RATE OF FIVE DOLLARS PER ANNUM, AND WILL DEAL WITH ALL CIVIL RIGHTS CASES, EXCEPT DEPORTATION AND DENATURALIZATION. CRC JANUARY 14 LETTER ASKED THAT ORGANIZATIONS RECEIVING SAME (1) GET LAWYERS HANDLING CRC CASES TO SUPPLY MATERIAL CONCERNING CIVIL RIGHTS CASES HANDLED BY THEM, (2) FORWARD NAMES OF ATTORNEYS INVOLVED IN CIVIL RIGHTS CASES AND RESPECTIVE AREAS, (3) FORWARD LIST OF ATTORNEYS, LAW LIBRARIES, LEGAL DEPARTMENTS OF ORGANIZATIONS AND UNIONS AND ALL OTHER GROUPS OR INDIVIDUALS WHO SHOULD GET COPIES OF FIRST ISSUE OF "CIVIL RIGHTS LAW LETTER", WHICH WILL BE ISSUED MIDDLE OF FEBRUARY NEXT. OFFICES RECEIVING COPIES OF INSTANT AIRTEL WILL REMAIN ALERT FOR INFORMATION INDICATING IMPLEMENTATION OF AFOREMENTIONED PROGRAM SET OUT IN JANUARY 14 CRC COMMUNICATION. AUSA GEORGE H. BAILEY ORALLY ADVISED THAT CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS BY TWO TO ONE

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DECISION FILED JANUARY 27, 1955, REVERSED CONTEMPT  
CONVICTION OF PATTERSON, REMANDED CASE TO DISTRICT COURT,  
AND ORDERED PATTERSON TO BE RELEASED IMMEDIATELY. MAJORITY  
OPINION FILED BY JUSTICE CHARLES E. CLARK WITH JUSTICE  
JEROME N. FRANK CONCURRING, CHARGES INSUFFICIENCY OF  
EVIDENCE THAT PATTERSON HAD CUSTODY OF CRC BOOKS. JUSTICE  
CARROLL C. HINCKS DISSENTED AND WILL FILE OPINION LATER.

~~REDACTED~~ AND ~~REDACTED~~ <sup>OF</sup> BOTH ADVISED/REVERSAL IN PATTERSON b1  
CASE AND INDICATED THAT CP HEADQUARTERS HAD ALSO BEEN  
APPRISED OF THE DECISION. 1/27/55 ISSUE OF "DAILY WORKER",  
PAGE FIVE, CONTAINED STATEMENT FROM WILLIAM ALBERTSON OF  
CRC ATTACKING THE ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN BY THE NY STATE JOINT  
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE AGAINST CRC AND SIMILAR ORGANIZATIONS  
AND ANNOUNCES A LEADERSHIP/CONFERENCE WOULD BE HELD 1/29/55, AT 23  
EAST 26TH STREET TO ORGANIZE A JOINT MASS CAMPAIGN TO  
"PROTEST THE ORGANIZED SECTIONS OF THE ANTI-MC CARTHY

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MOVEMENT". NY INFORMANTS NEGATIVE. FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION  
RE FOREGOING MEETING AND BUREAU WILL BE FURNISHED PERTINENT  
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Date: February 8, 1955

To: Mr. Dennis A. Flinn BY COURIER SERVICE  
Director  
Office of Security  
Department of State  
515 - 22nd Street, N. W.  
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From: John Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: PAUL ROBESON  
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You have previously been furnished copies of various reports reflecting the activities of this subject.

For your additional information it has been called to this Bureau's attention by a reliable informant that on January 26, 1955, a mass rally to "Free William L. Patterson and Benjamin Davis" was held at the Yugoslav Hall, 405 West 41st Street, New York City, under the auspices of the Civil Rights Congress, an organization designated by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

Robeson, a speaker at this rally, reportedly interpolated his recital of American, Russian, and Chinese folk songs with remarks to the effect that it was as certain as his standing there that Formosa would be in the hands of the "Chinese people" and "very soon." Robeson charged the United States with trying to violate Chinese territory and attempted to draw a parallel between the United States' position in the Pacific and a hypothetical case involving the possible occupation of Long Island by a foreign power. This would arouse protests of all Americans as the Pacific operation was causing protest by the Chinese people. Robeson described the people of the world as being on the march and called on the people to stand up and fight.

Note on yellow: This matter is furnished for your information and should not be disseminated outside your Agency.

Subject is on SI. He has recently initiated proceedings to force the State Department to issue him a passport.

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Transmit the following Teletype message to: BUREAU

SURVEY OF CHINESE COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES IN THE NY AREA: IS - CH.  
RE NY TELS 2/2,3,4/55. THE NYO HAS PRESENTLY 59 CHINESE ON  
THE SI, 27 OF WHICH ARE ALIENS AND 32 ARE AMERICAN CITIZENS.  
LOCATION OF 57 OF ABOVE SUBJECTS VERIFIED ON 2/2,3,4/55 AS WITHIN  
TERRITORY OF THE NYO. THE TWO REMAINING SUBJECTS, [REDACTED]  
AND [REDACTED] ARE BOTH REPORTED TO BE OUTSIDE THE US.  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WITH RESPECT TO NON-CHINESE SI SUBJECTS CONSIDERED  
POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS AND SYMPATHETIC TO CHINESE COMMUNIST,  
THERE ARE ATTACHED HERETO 24 BLACK MEMORANDA IN DUPLICATE RE  
SUBJECTS LISTED IN NY TELS OF 2/3 AND 4/55.

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The following information is being set out concerning the captioned individual, a security index subject of the New York Office, in order to substantiate placing the name of this person on the list of individuals whose close sympathies for Communist China would make them potentially dangerous.

The captioned individual who is the wife of Paul Robeson, is associated with the "New World Review", a magazine devoted to countries of the so-called "New World" such as the Soviet Union, China, and other satellite nations.

Mrs. Robeson stated on March 28, 1950 that she had been in Peiping, China in late December, 1949 and early January, 1950 where she attended a meeting of a conference of some 500 women called by the Chinese Communists. She stated further that she had reached China from Russia travelling into China via the Trans-Siberian Railroad.

Mrs. Robeson also stated on March 28, 1950 that she favors the recognition of the Chinese Communist Government and their right to a seat at the United Nations.

On December 9, 10, 17 and 19, 1950 Mrs. Robeson contacted Mrs. Kung Fu-Shen, International Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and a delegate to the United Nations representing the Chinese People's Republic.

Mrs. Robeson also contacted the Chinese Communist delegation to the United Nations at the Waldorf Astoria on December 19, 1952.

At a "Rally for China" sponsored by the Council on African Affairs, on February 20, 1950, Mrs. Robeson mentioned how the Chinese people welcomed her as an American sympathetic to the Chinese people's cause.

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TO : Director, FBI (100-12304)

DATE: 2/10/55

FROM : SAC, New York (100-56680)

SUBJECT: ESLANDA CORDOZO ROBESON, was  
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Rebulet dated 1/7/55.

[redacted] advised SA [redacted] on [redacted] that ESLANDA ROBESON had been issued a temporary accreditation card as a representative of The New World Review [redacted]

According to this source, accreditation of press representatives to the U.N. is handled by the Press and Publication Section of the Department of Public Information of the United Nations. Consequently ROBESON was in no way an employee of the U.N. and would not come within the preview of the LEUN program. ←

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TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT *Ab*

DATE: Feb. 4, 1955

FROM : MR. O. T. MANSFIELD *OTM*

SUBJECT: **ESLANDA ROBESON**  
**SECURITY MATTER (C)**  
 Bureau file: 100-12304  
 ORIGIN: New York  
 CITIZEN

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*S. B. D. 100-12304*

## PROBLEM:

The file on captioned individual has been reviewed for the purpose of determining whether she is of such professed Communist Chinese sympathy that she would or could present a threat in the event of hostilities with Communist China.

## BACKGROUND:

Subject was born December 15, 1895, in Washington, D. C. She resides at 408 West 128th Street, New York City. She is the wife of Paul Robeson.

## SOUNDNESS OF CASE:

Subject has been a close associate of known Communist Party members and leaders for many years. [REDACTED] describes her as a concealed Communist - 1950. Subject refused to state whether she was a Communist Party member before the McCarthy Committee - July, 1953, but has since admitted publicly she is a Communist sympathizer. She has been active on behalf of numerous Communist fronts - 1947-1954, frequently as a speaker. Her principal recent activity has been as a member of the Board of Directors, National Council on American-Soviet Friendship - 1953; chairman of Progressive Party of Connecticut - 1952; and activity on behalf of Negroes in front groups and peace groups. She has been employed as editorial consultant on Negro and colonial matters by "New World Review" - 1952. She attended receptions at Russian Embassy - 1948, 1952.

In 1949 she attended meetings of the Women's International Democratic Federation in Russia and China. In New York she has met with leading representatives of the Chinese Communist delegation to the United Nations - 1950, 1952. She has advocated recognition of Communist China - 1950, 1953. In 1951 she spoke favoring the struggle of colonial peoples in China, Russia, and the "peoples' democracies." In February 1950 she spoke at a "Rally for China" sponsored by the Council for African Affairs extolling Russia and telling how the Chinese people welcomed her as a sympathizer to their cause.

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cc - Mr. Belmont; Mr. Norstrom; Mr. Cox; Mr. Mansfield

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**RECOMMENDATION AS TO CONTINUANCE OR CANCELLATION  
OF SECURITY INDEX STATUS:**

Subject should be continued on the Security Index.

**RECOMMENDATION AS TO WHETHER OR NOT SHE SHOULD BE  
INCLUDED ON LIST OF "NON-CHINESE ON THE SECURITY  
INDEX WHO ARE SYMPATHETIC TO COMMUNIST CHINA:"**

Subject is sympathetic to the Chinese Communists.  
It is recommended she be included on the list of non-Chinese  
sympathetic to Communist China.

It is observed that subject is primarily pro-Soviet  
and her expressions of pro-Chinese sympathy are generally  
expressed as a part of a broader interest in colonial questions.  
In the event of an emergency, however, she would probably  
become a propagandist on behalf of the Communist Chinese.  
Accordingly, the above recommendation has been made.

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Mr. Belmont This is one we handled  
& decided should not be included  
(on list)

*[Handwritten signature]*



## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-12304)

DATE: 2/17/55

FROM : SAC, New York (100-25857)

SUBJECT: PAUL LEROY ROBESON  
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It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.

X The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows: (Specify change only)

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ALIASES \_\_\_\_\_

NATIVE BORN \_\_\_\_\_ NATURALIZED \_\_\_\_\_ ALIEN \_\_\_\_\_

COMMUNIST \_\_\_\_\_ SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY \_\_\_\_\_ INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST LEAGUE \_\_\_\_\_

MISCELLANEOUS (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

TAB FOR DETCOM \_\_\_\_\_ TAB FOR COMSAB \_\_\_\_\_ RACE \_\_\_\_\_ SEX \_\_\_\_\_

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## KEY FACILITY DATA:

GEOGRAPHICAL REFERENCE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ RESPONSIBILITY \_\_\_\_\_

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RESIDENCE ADDRESS ✓ Apt. 20, 408 W. 128th Street, N.Y. c/o ESLANDA ROBESON

(Subj. constantly travels and is rarely to be found at above address)

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK**

REPORT MADE AT <b>NEW HAVEN</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>2-24-55</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>2/14, 16/55</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>[REDACTED]</b> las
TITLE <b>ESLANDA CORDOZO ROBESON, aka</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>SECURITY MATTER - C</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Subject reportedly believed to be Communist Party member 1954; sponsor of Connecticut Peace Council 1952; attended Connecticut Peace Council meetings Bridgeport, Connecticut 1954; subscribed to Daily Worker and/or Worker 1952-1954.

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All informants utilized in this report are of known reliability unless otherwise indicated.

**DETAILS:**

**I.**

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

**A. Employment**

Confidential Informant [REDACTED] advised on [REDACTED] that the subject had said she was then a reporter and that she had a good opportunity to know what goes on at the United Nations. The subject did not state for whom she was reporting.

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DATE OF REVIEW **12/17/96**

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II. ACTIVITY IN SUBVERSIVE AND COMMUNIST PARTY DOMINATED GROUPS

A. Connecticut Peace Council (CPC)

The Connecticut Peace Council has been described by Confidential Informant [redacted] as dominated and controlled by the Communist Party in Connecticut.

The April 3, 1952 issue of the "Bridgeport Herald", a daily newspaper published in Bridgeport, Connecticut, contained an article which indicated that the subject was a sponsor of the CPC.

[redacted] advised on [redacted] that the subject attended a meeting of the CPC at [redacted] on [redacted]

This informant advised that WILLARD UPHAUS acted as Chairman of the meeting and introduced the subject as the speaker for the meeting. [redacted] advised that the subject's talk centered around the admission of Red China to the United Nations. This informant further stated that ROBESON stated that it was her belief that the United States would soon have to give in and admit Red China as a highly respected country to the United Nations. The informant advised that Mrs. ROBESON referred to China as the "People's Republic of China."

WILLARD UPHAUS has been described by Confidential Informant [redacted] as "one of the principle individuals involved in the Communist conspiracy to subject the Methodist Church for Communist purposes".

The subject's attendance at the above meeting on November 20, 1954 in Bridgeport, Connecticut was verified by Confidential Informant [redacted] on [redacted]; Confidential Informant [redacted] on [redacted]; Confidential Informant [redacted] on [redacted]; Confidential Informant [redacted] on [redacted] and Confidential Informant [redacted] on [redacted]

B. American Peace Crusade

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised on [redacted] that the subject was the featured speaker at Chicago's

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Salute to the 2nd Anniversary of Africa's Fight for Freedom on April 24, 1954 which was held at 41st Street and South Parkway, Chicago, Illinois under the auspices of the American Peace Crusade. According to the informant, Mrs. ROBESON spoke on the advances that are being made by the colored people in the world, and especially in Africa, in combating white supremacy and colonization.

The American Peace Crusade has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

C. Daily Worker and Worker

The Daily Worker is a Communist East Coast daily newspaper and the Worker is the Sunday edition of the same.

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised on February 18, 1954, April 15 and 30, 1954, that one Mrs. E. G. ROBESON, The Beeches, Enfield, Connecticut, was a subscriber to the Daily Worker or Worker in November, 1952, February 1953, July 1953 and April, 1954. b7D

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REFERENCE

Summary report of SA [REDACTED] dtd January 11, 1954 at New Haven.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Transmit the following ~~Teletype~~ message to:

FBI, LOS ANGELES

3/11/55

8:00 PM

DIRECTOR, FBI

PAUL ROBSON. IS - C, DAYLET.

ADVISES ROBSON ARRIVED IN LOS ANGELES ON 3/10/55, TRAVELLING UNDER AN ASSUMED NAME. ADVISES ALLEN BOOTH IS TRAVELLING WITH ROBSON AS PIANIST. ROBSON SCHEDULED FOR CONCERTS IN LOS ANGELES 3/12 AND 3/13/55. BELIEVES ROBSON WILL DEPART LA ON 3/16/55 FOR SF AND "POINTS NORTH". RE ROBSON'S USE OF ASSUMED NAME FOR TRAVEL, A CHECK WITH TWA REFLECTS THEIR FLIGHT 91 WAS DUE IN LA AT 6:00 AM, 3/10/55, NON-STOP FROM NEW YORK. FLIGHT 91 ARRIVED LATE IN LA AT 8:32 AM. ADVISES THAT ROBSON ARRIVED IN LA APPROXIMATELY 8:30 AM, 3/10/55, NON-STOP FROM NEW YORK, APPROXIMATELY 2 1/2 HOURS LATE, FLIGHT AND AIR LINE UNKNOWN TO INFORMANT. BUREAU AND INTERESTED OFFICES WILL BE ADVISED.

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PAUL ROBESON  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Enclosed for your information is one  
copy of a letter from [redacted]  
[redacted] which is self-explanatory.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-12304)

DATE: 4/5/55

FROM : SAC, New York (100-25857)

SUBJECT: PAUL LEROY ROBESON, wa  
IS-CCard U. I. D.  
4/2/55

It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.

X The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows: (Specify change only)

NAME olALIASES Add: J. Ward

NATIVE BORN \_\_\_\_\_ NATURALIZED \_\_\_\_\_ ALIEN \_\_\_\_\_

COMMUNIST \_\_\_\_\_ SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY \_\_\_\_\_ INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST LEAGUE \_\_\_\_\_

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BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address) \_\_\_\_\_

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#### THE SIGNIFICANCE OF HUGO GELLERT'S ART

Paul Robeson's address was a high point of the Gellert Banquet in New York. We present extracts of the address.

"Today was an unforgettable experience for me. It was inspiring to hear Michael Gold's sincere words. It was moving to see Louis Weinstock on the way to prison, full of faith and hope. I am reminded of my people's old song, that when I laugh I do it to cover my tears. We are smiling and laughing today too, but behind our smiles we cry for those from whom we must now part.

But I send this message to the enemies of the people: Beware, for behind our laughter and tears the hurricane of anger is preparing to break its bonds. What can I say to you now that we celebrate a great Hungarian, now that we are among Hungarians, I remember when I was in Hungary in 1930. And I think of modern Hungary. Who in 1930 could have thought that in so short a time the Hungarian people could change the course of history and rule over its own home?

In the battle for human freedom the ways and means vary. The ancestors of those who are in this hall fought for their freedom in various ways. But we must understand the basis sense of this struggle and we must make it understood to men and then we can go into the fight with perseverance.

They must understand that in history every great advance toward a higher and freer society was preceded by a longer period of waiting, decades, or centuries. But the time always arrives, it is unavoidable. Let us examine our Revolutionary War of 1775 and the period that preceded it, let us study the Civil War and the time before it. The Hungarian War for Independence was also preceded by a so called "time of reforms".

Throughout the world the peoples and nations are in this situation. Some have already made the great jump for which they prepared for centuries (China). Others are now preparing. But this is the law of life.

But the nations would not be able to make the great leap if there were not great thinkers who prepared the needs and rules for progress.

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And the peoples would not be able to make the jump, achieve the progress, if there were not artists who enlighten the intellect, make it powerful, bring out hidden beauty and desirability.

A great and irreplaceable representative of this army is he whom we celebrate this day with such great love and for so good a reason. His art is an indestrucible weapon of the American people's war for independence. Without this weapon we cannot conquer."

Translator: [REDACTED] b7c

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: June 1, 1955

FROM: J.B. SAC, Indianapolis (100-0-13070)

10 JUN 1955

SUBJECT: PAUL ROBESON  
SECURITY MATTER - C

On May 24, 1955

██████████ called at this office and produced to SA ██████████ a letter bearing the signature who styled herself as ██████████ of the National Association of Negro Musicians. ██████████

In the letter ██████████ stated that there is a movement in her local branch to have PAUL ROBESON give a recital to the branch. She states she understands that ROBESON is regarded as a Communist and that the question as to whether to permit him before their branch is causing some confusion among the members. She further mentioned that she is in the employ of the Federal Government and will not jeopardize her Federal position by being a party in the movement to obtain ROBESON for the branch and that, furthermore, if he is permitted to appear before the branch she will resign from the association. She did not give the name of any individual who is sponsoring ROBESON. In her letter she inquired ██████████ whether he could not give a directive to all branches on the question of permitting ROBESON to appear before them.

██████████ purpose in coming to this office was to seek advice. He was advised that FBI records are confidential and that we could not assist him in replying to ██████████. He indicated he might inform ██████████ to contact the FBI Office in New York or to write to the Attorney General.

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BY COURIER SERVICE

Date: June 16, 1955  
To: Mr. Kimbell Johnson  
Chief, Investigations Division  
U. S. Civil Service Commission  
Washington, D. C.  
From: John Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Subject: [REDACTED]  
SECURITY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

Sent: 7/205-ny  
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[REDACTED] National Association of Negro Musicians, has furnished this Bureau with the following information concerning captioned individual who, according to [REDACTED] is employed with the Federal Government in New York City.

[REDACTED] of the National Association of Negro Musicians, New York City, wrote [REDACTED] that certain members of her branch were interested in getting Paul Robeson to give a recital. She was opposed to letting Robeson give the recital and stated she would resign from the association if Robeson appeared.

There is no additional information in the files of this Bureau that can be identified as bearing on the loyalty of [REDACTED]

This is being furnished for your information since it is possible that captioned individual may contact the Civil Service Commission concerning this matter. This is not to be considered as a clearance or nonclearance concerning [REDACTED]. No action is being taken under the provisions of Executive Order 10450.

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cc: 1 - New York (Info) Refer Indianapolis letter to Bureau dated June 1, 1955, entitled "Paul Robeson, Security Matter - C," copy to the New York Office.

1 - Indianapolis (Info) (100-0-13070)

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT NEW YORK

REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE 7/6/55	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 5/5,6,9-13,16,26,31;6/1-3,6-8,14-17/55	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] <i>psm</i>
TITLE <i>Ch</i> CHANGED PAUL ROBESON, was: J. Ward			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject a self-employed concert singer, chairman of Editorial Board of "Freedom" and chairman of the Council on African Affairs. Subject maintains residence at 408 W. 128th St., NYC, although constantly travels on concert and organizational work. Subject a vice chairman of NCASF, 1948 and 1950. Attended CP meetings [REDACTED] and listed as member, Executive Committee of Committee for a Democratic Far Eastern Policy, 1948-49. Subject a member of the Board of Directors, Committee for a Democratic Far Eastern Policy, 1951. Subject in contact with NCASF 1954; attended Czechoslovakian reception, 12/9/54; on Executive Committee of ALP, December, 1954 and attended Freedom Associates dinner on 12/26/54. Subject sang at YPA concert, 1/10/55; attended CRC rally, 1/26/55; sang at NYC ASP concert, 2/6/55; attended PUND reception, 2/10/55, and CRC Victory Dinner same date. [REDACTED] attended party in honor of Soviet delegates to Commission on the Status of Women, 3/24/55; spoke at May Day Rally, 4/29/55 and sent greetings to Asia-Africa Conference at Bandung, Indonesia. Subject attended APC dinner, 6/10/55. *(6)4*

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DETAILS: The title of this report is being marked Changed to reflect the alias of J. WARD, under which the subject traveled on March 17, 1955, via Trans World Airways, Flight 90, from Los Angeles, California to New York City, arriving March 18, 1955.

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APPROPRIATE AGENCIES  
AND FIELD OFFICES  
ADVISED BY SLIP(S)  
DATE *7-14-55*

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES <b>100-12304-324 SE 43</b> CLASS. & EXT. <i>SP-5 RSC</i> REASON FOR EXT. <i>1-2, 4, 2, 2, 2</i> DATE OF REVIEW <i>12/17/90</i> JUL 7 1955
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BACKGROUND

Employment

The records of [REDACTED] b7D  
[REDACTED] were checked on May 31, 1955, by SE [REDACTED] b7C  
which records reflected a report dated August 25, 1954,  
which listed the subject's occupation as a concert singer.  
These records further reflected that in 1954, the subject  
was managed by the Metropolitan Musical Bureau, 113 West  
57th Street, New York City.

On May 31, 1955, [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable  
information in the past, advised that the subject is a concert  
singer who can be reached through his agent, Columbia Concerts,  
New York City. b7D

On June 8, 1955, [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable  
information in the past, advised that as of that date the  
subject was on the staff of the newspaper, "Freedom", although  
the exact nature of the subject's duties were not known to  
the informant.

The April, 1955, edition of "Freedom", Volume five,  
Number four, page two, column two, noted that the newspaper  
is published monthly by Freedom Associates, 139 West 125th  
Street, New York City and listed PAUL ROBESON as chairman  
of the Editorial Board.

The December 31, 1950, issue of "The Worker"  
contained an article which describes "Freedom" as a monthly  
newspaper published by Freedom Associates which was introduced  
in November, 1950. This article pointed out that the  
purpose of the newspaper was to promote Negro matters, the  
selecting and writing of all material from the view point  
that is interesting rather than necessary to the Negro worker  
and to point out the importance to the Negro people of  
their alliance with the labor movement of the worker's class.

"The Worker" is the Sunday edition of the "Daily  
Worker", an East Coast Communist daily newspaper.

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In [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that the Editorial Board of "Freedom" was composed of Communist Party members and sympathizers. According to [REDACTED] "Freedom" was intended as a replacement for the Harlem edition of "The Worker."

On June 7, 1955, [REDACTED] who was in a logical position to furnish information concerning "Freedom", advised that the newspaper is published ten months per year, the last issue having been published in April, 1955. [REDACTED] continued that no issue would be published of "Freedom" during May and June, 1955, but that an August, 1955 issue would be forthcoming. [REDACTED] advised that a year's subscription to "Freedom" sells for one dollar and that the paper is located in Room six, 136 West 125th Street, New York City. b7D

On [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that as of that date the subject was chairman of the Council on African Affairs, (CAA), on the Editorial Board of the newspaper "Freedom." and

With regard to the CAA, [REDACTED] stated that the Council is in dire financial straits and is not functioning as an organization, although it does engage in activity from time to time, such as the issuing and distribution of a statement within the interests of the CAA.

The CAA has been designated by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

Residence

On January 24, 1955, [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that on [REDACTED], the subject indicated that he had sold his home in Connecticut and was then residing on 135th Street, New York City, on a temporary basis while he awaited an apartment.

On November 20, 1954, [REDACTED], who was in a logical position to furnish information regarding the subject, advised that as of that date, [REDACTED] b7C

[REDACTED] indicated that PAUL ROBESON should be contacted at AU 6-2667.

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The 1955 Manhattan cross index telephone directory, Bell Telephone Company, reflects the phone number AU 6-2667 is registered to the Reverend B. C. ROBESON, 155 West 136th Street, New York City.

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D. C. on May 14, 1951 contains the following concerning the NCASP:

- "1. Cited as a Communist front.  
(Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities, Review of the Scientific and Cultural Conference for World Peace arranged by the National Council of the Arts, Sciences, and Professions and held in New York City on March 25, 26, and 27, 1949, House Report No. 1954, April 26, 1950 (originally released April 19, 1949), p. 2.)"

On February 9, 1955, [REDACTED]

and [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised they have resided in the neighborhood and have known Reverend B. C. ROBESON for many years. Both stated that they are familiar with the subject and to the best of their knowledge the subject did not reside with his brother and last visited the Reverend ROBESON for a period of two or three days prior to Christmas, 1954. b7C b7D

On February 9, 1955, [REDACTED] who was in a logical position to furnish information regarding the subject's residence, advised that to the best of his knowledge, the subject does not reside with his brother, Reverend B. C. ROBESON, 155 West 136th Street, New York City, and according to [REDACTED] has not visited this address for any length of time within the past year. b7C b7D

On May 17, 1955, [REDACTED] 22 East 89th Street, New York City, was contacted relative to the subject and advised that the subject, subsequent to the [REDACTED] b7C b7D

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death of HAROLD MC GEE on February 23, 1955, has not visited this address and no mail addressed to the subject has been observed by [REDACTED] being delivered in care of MC GEE. She stated that in her opinion, the subject no longer uses the address of MC GEE as either a residence address or an address to which mail could be sent. b7c/b7D

The records of [REDACTED] supra, on May 31, 1955, reflected a report dated August 25, 1954, relative to the subject. The subject's residence as of that time was listed as 408 West 128th Street, New York City, although his permanent home was listed as "The Beeches" at Enfield, Connecticut. Subject's previous addresses were listed as Washington, D. C., 70 Bank Street, New York City, London, England and 55 Edgecomb Avenue, New York City. b7D

According to these records, the apartment at 408 West 128th Street, New York City, is rented in the name of the subject's son and daughter-in-law. These records reflected that the subject and his wife are not actually tenants of the above apartment but reside there from time to time when in New York City.

On June 1, 1955, the records of the New York Bureau of Motor Vehicles, were checked by SE [REDACTED] which records reflected that 1955 New York license 9C-60-80 is registered to ESLANDA GOODE ROBESON, 408 West 128th Street, New York City, for a 1950 green Oldsmobile sedan. b7c

On February 9, 1955, [REDACTED] 408 West 128th Street, New York City, advised that the subject's wife, ESLANDA ROBESON resides in Apartment 20 at instant address with the subject's son, PAUL ROBESON, JR., and his wife. [REDACTED] stated that the subject and his wife seemed to travel a great deal and spend frequent intervals away from the above mentioned apartment. [REDACTED] stated that in his opinion, the subject is actually paying the rent on the apartment and to all intent and purposes, this apartment constitutes the subject's residence when in New York. b7c/b7D

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ACTIVITIES OF SUBJECT

The April 26, 1947 issue of "People's Voice" page one, contained an article captioned, "I Am Coming Back, Fighting Paul Vows," which article concerned the return of PAUL ROBESON to Chicago, Illinois, following his being refused permission to give a concert at the City Hall in Peoria, Illinois. This article quoted ROBESON as stating, "I've never seen anything like it since Franco-Spain ..... Peoria was like an armed camp." The article stated that ROBESON was asked whether or not he was a Communist to which he replied, "There are only two groups in the world today - fascists and anti-fascists. The Communists belong to the anti-fascists group and I label myself an anti-fascist."

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., on May 14, 1951, contains the following concerning the "People's Voice:"

- "1. Among publications which the committee found to be Communist initiated and controlled, or so strongly influenced as to be in the Stalin solar system."  
(California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1948, p. 225.)"

On [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that a meeting of the NCASP was held at [redacted] on [redacted]. According to [redacted] a leaflet was passed out at this meeting which leaflet listed the National Officers of the organization and noted that PAUL ROBESON was a Vice Chairman - Music.

The NCASP has been previously described.

On [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that as of that time, PAUL ROBESON was a Vice Chairman of the NCASP.

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On [REDACTED], who was in a logical position to furnish information concerning the subject, advised that during [REDACTED] the subject was present at [REDACTED] Communist Party meetings held [REDACTED]

The "Far East Spotlight," published by the Committee for a Democratic Far Eastern Policy, (CFDFEP), 111 West 42nd Street, New York City, volume four, number two, dated July, 1948, contained a list of the officers of the CFDFEP which listed PAUL ROBESON as a member of the Executive Committee of instant organization.

The CFDFEP has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

On March 9, 1949, [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available the March, 1949 issue of "Far East Spotlight" which listed PAUL ROBESON as a member of the Executive Committee of CFDFEP.

"The Worker," issue of May 8, 1949, Section Two, page four, columns one and two, contained an article entitled, "The Truth Also Fight For a Free China," which article concerned some of the activities of the CFDFEP. This article noted that PAUL ROBESON was a member of the Executive Committee of the CFDFEP.

"The Worker" has been previously described.

On [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that as of that date, PAUL ROBESON was a member of the Board of Directors of the CFDFEP.

On November 20, 1954, [REDACTED] who was in a logical position to furnish information relative to the subject, advised that on November 19, 1954, RICHARD MORFORD, described by the informant as Executive Director of the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship, (NCASF), congratulated

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the subject on ROBESON's appearance at the annual November rally of the NCASF. MORFORD commented on the significance of ROBESON's attendance at the annual meeting of the NCASF and stated, "Command us always when we can help you."

The NCASF has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

On [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that on December 9, 1954, the subject and his wife were among persons present at a reception held at the Czechoslovak United Nations Delegation, New York City.

On December 10, 1954, [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that as of December 9, 1954, the subject and his wife ESLANDA GOODE ROBESON were on the Executive Committee of the American Labor Party (ALP).

[REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on September 9, 1954, that from the time of its inception in 1936, there existed within the American Labor Party a struggle for power among three groups. These were the Communist Party, the Socialist Party and the Social Democrats. By the early 1940's, the Communist Party emerged as the controlling force within the American Labor Party in the major industrial areas in New York State. Generally these were the areas around Albany, Buffalo, Jamestown, Rochester, Schenectady, Syracuse, Troy, the Hudson River Valley, Columbia, Dutchess, Nassau and Westchester Counties, and New York City with the exception of Brooklyn. In 1942 the Communist Party was able to capture the American Labor Party in Brooklyn.

[REDACTED] knew this situation to continue up until at least 1949. The American Labor Party never developed into an organization of any real consequence in the non-industrial areas of New York State.

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[REDACTED], who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on July 14, 1954, that the Communist Party today, as in the past, through its members in key positions in the American Labor Party, constitutes the force that controls it. b7.D

On [REDACTED], who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that PAUL ROBESON was to be among the speakers at a dinner honoring the 30th Anniversary of International Publishers and the 70th birthday of ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG, to be held December 17, 1954, at 405 West 41st Street, New York City.

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," as mentioned previously, contains the following concerning International Publishers:

- "1. 'The (Communist) Party's publishing house,' headed by ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG. (Attorney General Francis Biddle, Congressional Record, September 24, 1942, p. 7686.)
- "2. 'Publishing agency of the Communist Party.' (Brief for the United States in the case of WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, p. 145.)
- "3. An 'official publishing house of the Communist Party in the United States,' and a medium through which 'extensive Soviet propaganda is subsidized in the United States.' (Special Committee on Un-American Activities, Reports, January 3, 1940, p. 8, and June 25, 1942, p. 18; also cited in Report, March 29, 1944, p. 76.)"

The "Daily Worker" issue of December 22, 1954, page eight, column one, contained an ad announcing a Civil Rights Congress (CRC) mass meeting to be held on January 26, 1955, at Yugoslav Hall, 405 West 41st Street, New York City. This ad listed PAUL ROBESON as the main speaker.

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The CRC has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

On [REDACTED], supra, advised that on December 26, 1954, a cabaret party sponsored by Freedom Associates was held at 35 East 125th Street, New York City. [REDACTED] advised that PAUL ROBESON was the principle guest at this affair, the purpose of which was to raise funds for Freedom Associates.

Freedom Associates has been previously described as the publishers of the newspaper "Freedom."

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The "Daily Worker" dated January 10, 1955, page three, column two, contained an article entitled, "Packed Auditorium at CCNY Hears ROBESON at Concert." This article described a concert given by ROBESON at the College of the City of New York and noted that the appearance of ROBESON was presented by the College of the City of New York Chapter of the Young Progressives of America (YPA).

HERBERT ROMERSTEIN, self-admitted former Communist and YPA member, in testimony before the Sub Committee of the Committee of the Judiciary, United States Senate, on April 12, 1951 and on June 12, 1951, stated that the YPA was set up on the basis of the needs of the Communist Party. YPA members were active with the YPA as Communists and the organization

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was developed along Communist Party lines. ROMERSTEIN also testified that the YPA leadership was composed of Communist Party members and further stated that the founding convention of the YPA had been held in Philadelphia in 1948.

On February 28, 1955, [REDACTED], who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information which indicated the YPA has not been active on a city-wide basis in New York since December, 1953.

The January 20, 1955, edition of "Magyar Szo", page three, column four, a Hungarian language publication, contained an article entitled, "HUGO GELLERT's Celebration in New York", which article stated that a banquet in the honor of HUGO GELLERT's fortieth anniversary as an artist was held in New York at the Bronx Hungarian Home. According to the article, PAUL ROBESON was present and spoke on the great issues facing the people of the world and the role which GELLERT filled in his forty years of productive activity. b7D

On February 18, 1954, [REDACTED], who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that the "Magyar Szo" consistently follows the Communist Party line as did its predecessor the "Magyar Jovo."

On [REDACTED], who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that the NCASP would present PAUL ROBESON in an evening of theatre arts at the Manhattan Center, 34th Street and Eighth Avenue, New York City, on February 6, 1955.

The "Daily Worker," issue of January 24, 1955, page four, column four, contained an article entitled, "ROBESON Sues for Passport to Prague Concert," which article stated that PAUL ROBESON, through his attorneys, had asked the Federal District Court in Washington, D. C. to direct the State Department to grant him a passport. The article continued that ROBESON had received an invitation to appear at the National Opera House in Prague, Czechoslovakia and

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further ROBESON was naming Secretary of State JOHN FOSTER DULLES as defendant in the suit. ROBESON claimed that DULLES' actions in denying him the privilege of travel abroad "are arbitrary, capricious and without warrant or authority in the laws of the United States ..... are contrary to the United Nations Universal Declaration on Human Rights."

On [redacted] supra, [redacted] supra, and [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that on January 26, 1955, the subject attended and was a speaker at a mass rally to "Free WILLIAM L. PATTERSON and BENJAMIN DAVIS" which was held under the auspices of the CRC at Yugoslav Hall, 405 West 41st Street, New York City. With regard to this rally, [redacted] advised that PAUL ROBESON sang American, Russian and Chinese folk songs and stated that it was a certainty that Formosa would be in the hands of the Chinese people soon. He charged the United States with trying to violate Chinese territory and drew a parallel with the position of the United States in the Pacific with a hypothetical case of the occupation of Long Island by a foreign power. ROBESON described the people of the world as being on the march and called on the people to stand up and fight. b7D

On March 1, 1954, [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available a leaflet issued by the BENJAMIN DAVIS Committee which leaflet listed WILLIAM L. PATTERSON as National Executive Secretary of the CRC.

BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR. was one of eleven members of the National Committee of the Communist Party who was convicted on October 14, 1949, in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York for violation of the Smith Act of 1940.

The January 27, 1955, edition of "Magyar Szo", page three, column one, contained an article devoted to PAUL ROBESON's address at the HUGO GELLERT banquet in New York which presented extracts from ROBESON's speech. In part the article quoted ROBESON as saying ".....but I send this message to the enemies of the people; beware, for behind

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our laughter and tears the hurricane of anger is preparing to break its bonds.....in the battle for human freedom the ways and means vary. The ancestors of those who are in this hall fought for their freedom." ROBESON went on to compare the Hungarian war for independence with the American Revolution of 1775 and the American Civil War pointing out that such periods in world history are preceded by a time of reforms.

The "Daily Worker," issue of January 28, 1955, page six, column three, contained an article entitled, "400 at Rally Urge Release of PATTERSON and DAVIS," which article stated that a rally under the auspices of the CRC had been held in New York City at Yugoslav Hall in January, 1955, to protest the continued imprisonment of WILLIAM L. PATTERSON and former City Councilman BENJAMIN J. DAVIS. The article continued that PAUL ROBESON, a speaker at the rally, declared that the American people are "on the edge of winning the things for which PATTERSON and DAVIS have been jailed."

The "Daily Worker" issue of February 10, 1955, page seven, column two, contained an article entitled, "ASP Theatre Concert Stirs Overflow Audience," which article concerned a concert presented by the New York Chapter of the ASP held Sunday, February 6, 1955. According to the article, PAUL ROBESON appeared at the concert and sang several classical numbers in addition to a "peace song," an adaptation of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony.

On [REDACTED], supra, furnished a copy of the bylaws of the New York Chapter of the ASP; Section b, Article 1, states that this organization shall be affiliated with the NCASP.

The NCASP has been previously described.

On [REDACTED], who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that on February 10, 1955, the subject and his wife attended a reception held in honor of the departure of the Polish Ambassador J. WINIERWICZ. [REDACTED] continued that this affair was held at the Polish United Nations Delegation, New York City.

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"The release of the courageous leaders of the American people is a cause for deep rejoicing...the struggle of these brave representatives of the masses of our land and the struggle of their associates is the fight of every decent thinking American." The article pointed out that ROBESON further stated, "It has been my privilege to appear on many platforms in the defense of Smith Act victims..... May we soon have an opportunity to greet these friends, not only of a progressive America, but of all America and of all the world."

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On March 24, 1955, [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that on this date the subject and his wife attended a cocktail party held at the U.S.S.R. United Nations Delegation, 680 Park Avenue, New York City. [REDACTED] stated that this party was given by the two Soviet women delegates to the Commission on the Status of Women, VERA A. FOMINA and FEONIYA NOVIKOVA.

The April 7, 1955, edition of "Magyar Szo", page thirteen, column one, contained a message from PAUL ROBESON which stated in part: "My sincere greetings to the Hungarian people on the great Anniversary which signifies their brave struggle through many centuries for freedom and independence.....My best wishes/this happy anniversary to Hungarian-Americans and the 'Magyar Szo' which amid constant struggles stands solidly for the traditions of our democratic heritage and which bravely reflects the basic changes in the new democracy."

On [REDACTED] supra, advised that on April 23, 1955, BENJAMIN J. DAVIS arrived in New York City from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where he was met by a delegation led by WILLIAM L. PATTERSON and PAUL ROBESON.

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On [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that on April 29, 1955, the annual May Day Rally was held in Union Square, New York City. [REDACTED] continued that PAUL ROBESON was among the speakers at the rally and joined the others in eulogizing the working class and in calling for a continued fight against government legislation aimed at oppressing labor and minority groups. b7 (D)

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," as mentioned previously, contains the following concerning the May Day Parade:

- "1. 'The May Day Parade in New York City is an annual mobilization of Communist strength.' (Special Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, March 29, 1944, p. 179)."

The "Daily Worker," issue of May 4, 1955, page two, column one, contained an article entitled, "Bandung Notebook-PAUL ROBESON Heard Despite State Dept.", which article concerned a message from PAUL ROBESON sent to the Asia-Africa Conference at Bandung, Indonesia. According to the article, ROBESON greeted the conference and stated that the conference was significant in history as showing how the people of two continents could meet to decide their own destinies and sovereign independence. According to the article, ROBESON pointed out the U.S.S.R., Eastern Europe and China as examples of social progress.

The "Daily Worker", issue of May 13, 1955, page six, column one, contained an article entitled, "PAUL ROBESON Sang and Spoke to 1,000 Students at Swarthmore," which article concerned a concert given by PAUL ROBESON at Swarthmore College. In a speech delivered on this occasion, ROBESON stated that the refusal of the State Department to renew his passport was based on the contention that he "has been for years active politically in behalf of the independence of the colonial peoples of Africa."

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The "Daily Worker," issue of May 16, 1955, page three, column one, contained an article entitled, "ROBESON Offered Othello Role in Soviet Film: Again Applied to State Dep't For Passport." In part this article stated: "PAUL ROBESON, noted singer and actor, re-applied this week for a passport in order to appear in a film version of the Shakespeare classic, "Othello" scheduled for production this summer in the Soviet Union." The article stated that the offer had been made by SERGEI YUTKEVICH, Director of the Moscow Film Studio.

On [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that on June 10, 1955, the subject was in attendance at a dinner held at 1657 Broadway, New York City, which dinner was sponsored by the American Peace Crusade. ROBESON spoke on the work of THOMAS RICHARDSON, American Peace Crusade National Co-Director. [REDACTED] continued that RICHARDSON is now working with ROBESON as one of his managers, who aids ROBESON in planning his engagements. b7D

The American Peace Crusade has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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On April 15, 1955, [REDACTED], who was in a logical position to furnish information, advised that on April 13, 1955, the resident board of the American Peace Crusade, announced that THOMAS RICHARDSON, American Peace Crusade National Co-Director, had tendered his resignation in order to devote his time fully to several cultural projects in which he is associated with PAUL ROBESON.

Informants cognizant of some Communist activity in the New York area, all of whom have furnished reliable information in the past, were contacted relative to the subject and could furnish no recent information concerning him.

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T-8 [REDACTED] c U.S. Post Office, NYC	[REDACTED]		SA [REDACTED]	Instant Report
T-9 [REDACTED] c	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	SA [REDACTED] & SA [REDACTED]	100-78587-916 p. 3
T-10 [REDACTED] c	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	SA [REDACTED]	100-93553-1B-192
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T-15 [REDACTED] c	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	SA [REDACTED]	
T-16 [REDACTED] c	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	SA [REDACTED]	
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Informants contacted re recent activity on part of subject with negative results, as noted on page 17, are:

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For the information of the Bureau, the Security Index card relative to PAUL ROBESON in the NYO is current and accurate.

Information contained herein, relative to the subject's use of the alias J. WARD, was furnished to the NYO in LA airtel to NY, dated 3/17/55, re subject's departure from LA on that day.

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The records of [REDACTED] were checked on 6/8/55 by SA [REDACTED] with negative results.

On 6/3/55, the records of the Manhattan Board of Elections were checked by SE [REDACTED] relative to the subject at 408 W. 128th St., 22 E. 89th St. and 155 W. 136th St., NYC, with negative results.

On 6/1/55, the records of the NY Motor Vehicle Bureau were checked by SE [REDACTED] relative to the subject with negative results.

The newspaper articles from the "Magyar Szo" set forth herein were translated from Hungarian by Translator [REDACTED]

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At New York, New York

Will follow and report the activities of PAUL ROBESON.

REFERENCE Report of SA [REDACTED] 1/6/55, New York.

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TO : Director, FBI (100-69266) DATE: 7/11/55  
 FROM : SAC, New York (100-19377) (#7-2)  
 SUBJECT: COUNCIL ON AFRICAN AFFAIRS  
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Re NY airtel to the Bureau, 6/10/55, captioned  
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On [redacted] orally advised SAs [redacted] of [redacted] and [redacted] the following:

[redacted] CHARLES COE, who has been active in CP farm activity, and THELMA DALE of the Council on African Affairs (COA) [redacted]

THELMA DALE, according to the informant, is presently associated with the COA.

[redacted]  
The COA has no office secretary and does not function as an organization.

PAUL ROBESON wants THELMA DALE to quit the paper "Freedom" and be a full-time Executive Assistant in the COA office.

The COA is not doing anything as an organization except to issue a statement now and then.

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PAUL ROBESON is striving to have his passport restriction lifted. ROBESON has an offer to play the role of "Othello" in England, but is unable to accept the offer because he is unable to travel. ROBESON also has an offer to act in a filmed production of "Othello" in East Germany. ROBESON also has other offers from Europe which he cannot fulfill because of his passport restriction. ROBESON's time these days, therefore, is spent in attempting to have his passport restriction lifted.

[REDACTED] THELM. DALE is Business Manager of "Freedom."

LOU BURNHAM is Editor of the paper "Freedom."

PAUL ROBESON is Chairman of the Board that publishes the paper "Freedom."

THELM. DALE appears to be a secretary of some sort in the COI. but is not employed full time.

PAUL ROBESON is Chairman of the COI.

THELM. DALE [REDACTED] worked on the National Board of the Progressive Party (PP) for a long time.

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[REDACTED] The national office of the PP is closed and the furniture has been disposed of. Technically, the PP exists, but there are no offices. All matters are now referred to the ALP [REDACTED]

Informant advised that in all probability a phone call to the PP office would be referred to the ALP which further indicates the dissolution of the PP.

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Informant stated he believed he recalled that the April, 1955, issue of "Political Affairs" carried an extensive article attacking MC MINUS, his line and his ideas.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

It would appear, according to the informant, that MC MINUS has lost the first round in his argument even in his own camp because of the following:

1. The PP offices have been closed.
2. In the last issue of the "National Guardian" a policy statement was published by the paper which agreed generally that this is not the time for a third party. In editor's note which followed the article stated that MC MINUS voted against the statement which appeared in the "National Guardian." The article then went on to outline the line of MC MINUS in this matter.

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If any of the above information which has been  
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304)

DATE 7/21/55

FROM : SAC, WFO (100-19021)

SUBJECT: PAUL ROBESON  
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(OO:NEW YORK)

ReWFOairtel dated 7/18/55.

Mr. ASHLEY J. NICHOLAS, Assistant Director, Passport Office,  
Department of State, furnished the following information to SA [REDACTED] on 7/19/55:

Subject and his attorney, LEONARD BOUDIN of NYC, saw Miss FRANCES G. KNIGHT, Director, PP Office, 7/18/55, re obtaining a PP for subject. In afternoon of 7/18/55, subject and BOUDIN had a conference with LOY HENDERSON, Undersecretary of State for Administration; RAYMUND T. YINGLING, Assistant Legal Adviser, Department of State; R. W. SCOTT MC LEOD, Administrator of the Bureau of Security and Consular Affairs, Department of State; Miss KNIGHT; Mr. NICHOLAS; and a representative of the State Department press section, re a PP for subject. BOUDIN wanted to know if the State Department was still following what he termed "the passport regulations scrapped by the courts" (referring to the recent court decisions in the cases of OTTO NATHAN, MAX SHACHTMAN, and CLARK NATHAN FOREMAN, of which the Bureau is aware, wherein the State Department issued passports rather than grant "quasi-judicial hearings" - these suits were brought by BOUDIN in opposition to the PP regulations regarding limitations on issuance of passports to persons supporting the Communist movement, as set forth in Section 51,135, Title 22, Code of Federal Regulations.) BOUDIN was informed at this conference that the State Department was still following the regulations. BOUDIN wanted to know why an exception could not be made for ROBESON under these regulations the same as it was for JOSEPH CLARK, "Daily Worker" correspondent who was issued a passport on 7/11/55 to go to Geneva for the "summit meeting." The State Department officials told ROBESON and BOUDIN that such an exception could not be made in his case. BOUDIN and ROBESON then immediately commented that it must then be a question of racial prejudice against ROBESON if an exception could not be made for him. The State Department officials denied this allegation and explicitly informed subject and BOUDIN that the question of "race" does not enter into this matter at all. NICHOLAS stated that some years ago the State Department, under the Travel Control Regulations, refused to let ROBESON travel to Canada. BOUDIN and subject raised this question also at the conference, stating that subject desired to go to Vancouver, B. C., for the weekend (July 23-24, 1955). It was agreed that the Department would consider

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this request and would advise BOUDIN of decision made. NICHOLAS advised that on 7/19/55, he telephonically communicated to BOUDIN the State Department's decision to allow subject to make the desired trip to Vancouver. NICHOLAS advised SA [REDACTED] that he knows nothing of the subject's travel plans or purpose of such travel, pointing out that no passport is necessary so such information is not in subject's passport file. NICHOLAS also advised that BOUDIN, in the subject's presence, took the occasion to inquire about a dozen or so other cases of this type wherein he is counsel and was told that the State Department intends to follow the aforementioned regulations. NICHOLAS added that no decision has been made as yet on the matter of issuing a passport to ROBESON for proposed travel abroad. P b7c



## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-12304)

FROM : SAC, New York (100-56680)

SUBJECT: ESLANDA CORDOZO ROBESON, was  
Eslanda Cordozo Goode, Mrs.  
Paul Leroy Robeson, Essie Robeson;  
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DATE: 7/20/55

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## REFERENCE:

SAC Letter #55-30, 4/12/55.

## SUCCINCT RESUME OF CASE:

[REDACTED], advised on 10/26/43 that the subject, wife of PAUL ROBESON Sr., and her son, PAUL Jr., had gone to Washington, D.C. for a reception at the Russian Embassy during the first week of Nov., 1943. [REDACTED] the Russian Embassy considered her as a representative of the Soviet Union in the United States.

The 7/14/49 issue of the "NY Journal American", in an article entitled "Robeson Named as Red Party Member" stated in substance that MANNING JOHNSON, an admitted former member of the CP National Committee, had on that date told the House Un-American Activities Committee, that PAUL ROBESON, famous Negro singer, has been a "member of the CP for many years." JOHNSON told the Committee that he was a member of the CP up to 1940 and that during his years of CP membership he frequently met PAUL ROBESON in Party headquarters "going to or coming from" meetings with top Communist leaders. JOHNSON added "there is not one iota of a doubt that PAUL ROBESON was a CP member". He added, however, that ROBESON's membership was kept secret even from rank & file Communists.

[REDACTED] advised in [REDACTED] that PAUL ROBESON was known to him, prior to 1945, as a concealed Communist.

[REDACTED] advised on 6/29/50 that ESLANDA ROBESON was a Communist Party member in 1945, but she does not hold herself out to be a Communist. He stated that the subject was a devoted member of the CP along with her husband, PAUL ROBESON. [REDACTED] said that BENJAMIN DAVIS, known to the informant at that time as chairman of the Harlem Branch of the CP and a member of the National Board of the CP, and JACK STACHEL, known to the informant at that time as a National functionary of the CP, were the sources of his information.

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[REDACTED] advised that the subject is a member of the CP, USA. (No date given). b7c b7D

On 11/22/52 [REDACTED] advised that Mrs. PAUL ROBESON Sr. attended a Soviet Embassy reception in Washington, D.C. on 10/7/52 commemorating the October Revolution.

The subject testified before the Committee of Government Operations of the U. S. Senate on 7/7/53, at which time Senator McCARTHY asked her whether she was a Communist on that date. The subject refused to answer the question because, "it might tend to incriminate me." X

On 12/15/54 [REDACTED] advised that an affair was being held on 12/18/54 in honor of CLAUDIA JONES and the subject. b1

(CLAUDIA JONES was a CP leader convicted under The Smith Act of 1940)

On 3/24/55 [REDACTED] advised that the subject and her husband attended a cocktail party on 3/24/55 at the Russian UN Delegation Headquarters, 680 Park Ave., N.Y.C.

On [REDACTED] [REDACTED] advised that on [REDACTED] the subject stated that she had been in China in 12/49 and 1/50, where she had attended a meeting of a conference of some five hundred women called by the Chinese Communists. The subject stated that women representatives from all parts of the world attended this meeting, although the greater number were Chinese. She stated that she reached China from Russia via the Trans-Siberian Railroad. b7c b7D

In the 7/8/52 issue of the "Daily Worker" it is reported that the subject has become associated with the "New World Review" as editorial consultant on Negro and colonial questions. The subject was scheduled to submit a regular monthly feature. This article further reflected that the subject had been in Soviet Russia on an extended stay.

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In 3/51 the name of the "New World Review" was changed from "Soviet Russia Today".

(S.R.T. - cited by HCUA)

The 9/27/52 issue of the Hartford Times, a daily newspaper published in Hartford, Conn., reflected that the subject was a candidate for Representative-at-Large for the Peoples Party.

[redacted] and [redacted] on 10/16/50 advised that the Peoples Party of Connecticut is dominated and controlled by the Communist Party of Connecticut. b1

[redacted] has advised that the subject has subscribed to "The Worker" and "Daily Worker" in 1952, 1953, and 1954.

The "Daily Worker" and "Worker" are East Coast Communist newspapers.

On 4/27/54 [redacted] advised that the subject was the featured speaker at Chicago's Salute to Second Anniversary of Africa's Fight For Freedom on 4/24/54, held at 41st Street and Southern Parkway, Chicago, Illinois under the auspices of the American Peace Crusade. b7D

(A.P.C. on AG's list.)

On 10/15/54 [redacted] advised that a dinner was held 10/14/54 in honor of ESIANDA and PAUL ROBESON at the Manhattan Towers Hotel, 76th Street and Broadway, N.Y.C. sponsored by the New World Review, and attended by approximately 450 people. b1

On 11/22/54 [redacted] advised that the subject was the principal speaker at a meeting of the Connecticut Peace Council at 1267 Stratford Ave., Bridgeport, Connecticut on 11/20/54. b7D

[redacted] has described the CPC as dominated and controlled by the CP of Connecticut.

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RECOMMENDATION:

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Retain on S.I.

The subject has been identified as a concealed CP member of long standing. She has also, within the past five years attended Soviet Official functions in the U.S. and refused to state before a U. S. Senate Investigating Committee whether or not she is a Communist. She has also within the past three years been an active participant in various front organizations.

DETCOM TABBING:

1. The subject is not presently tabbed for Detcom.
2. The subject has not been approved for Detcom tabbing under the new criteria in SAC Letter #55-12 (A) of 2/10/55. No SI cards have been received from the Bureau stamped "DETCOM" in large red letters.
3. The subject is not being recommended for Detcom .

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## SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

ROBESON arrived Los Angeles from New York 3-10-55, using alias J. WARD. He departed for New York 3-17-55. ROBESON was presented in two concerts by the First Unitarian Church, 2936 West 8th Street, Los Angeles. Housing arrangements for ROBESON were made by HORACE ALEXANDER, local CP member.

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## DETAILS:

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**[REDACTED]** Los Angeles International Airport, advised on March 17, 1955, at the time of ROBESON's impending departure from Los Angeles for New York, that he knew ROBESON by sight. **[REDACTED]** made arrangements so that he

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would verify ROBESON's reservation [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] his ticket  
[REDACTED] was made out to J. WARD. [REDACTED]

According to [REDACTED] while in Los Angeles ROBESON stated that he never uses his true name when traveling because he does not desire the public and "his enemies" to know in advance of his travel plans.

#### Arrival and Departure from Los Angeles

ROBESON's ticket stub for his flight from Los Angeles to New York on March 17, 1955, reflects TWA stock 0152D, number 97805, showing ROBESON to have arrived in Los Angeles aboard TWA flight 91 from New York Idlewild Airport on March 10, 1955. This ticket stub reflects the name J. WARD. ROBESON was ticketed in Washington Square Travel Service, 307 6th Avenue, New York City, New York, on March 4, 1955.

[REDACTED] verified ROBESON's reservation and departure on TWA flight 90 at 10:00 p.m. on March 17, 1955, from Los Angeles en route to New York.

According to [REDACTED] ROBESON departed for New York from the Los Angeles International Airport aboard TWA flight 90, 10:00 p.m., on March 17, 1955.

[REDACTED] advised that during ROBESON's stay in Los Angeles from March 10, 1955 through March 17, 1955, he was housed at 150 West 65th Street.

#### ACTIVITIES

##### General

[REDACTED] advised in [REDACTED] that HORACE ALEXANDER was contacted by PAUL ROBESON's Secretary to make arrangements for ROBESON's stay in Los Angeles.

At that time ALEXANDER was a member of the Los Angeles County Communist Party (LACCP). according to [REDACTED]

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█████ advised ALEXANDER is presently Section Organizer, Central Section, Moranda Smith Division, LACCP.

█████ advised ROBESON was accompanied by three attendants, who were acting as bodyguards for him while in Los Angeles. They were HOMER SADLER, CHARLES MOSLEY and HORACE ALEXANDER. All three are █████ members of the LACCP, according to █████

Association with the First Unitarian Church,  
2936 West 8th Street, Los Angeles

The Pastor of the First Unitarian Church is STEPHEN H. FRITCHMAN.

According to █████ FRITCHMAN became a Communist Party (CP) member prior to █████ however, █████ has no information of CP membership on the part of FRITCHMAN subsequent to that date.

In █████ stated that he had known FRITCHMAN as a CP member in Boston; however, he gave no dates for FRITCHMAN's membership.

█████ has advised that the purpose of ROBESON's trip to Los Angeles was to give some concerts at the First Unitarian Church and to have some special conferences with "various individuals."

█████ stated that the First Unitarian Church sponsored ROBESON's appearance in Los Angeles in March, 1955, and that the church hoped to raise enough money to help pay its state taxes, inasmuch as the church had not complied with the provisions of the California State Law requiring a loyalty oath for a tax exemption.

█████ said that ROBESON gave two concerts at the First Unitarian Church on March 11, and March 13, 1955.

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[redacted] advised in May, 1954, that the IPP in Los Angeles County is under the complete control of the CP, which sets its organizational goals, organizes its forces, and assigns its leadership. Membership in the IPP, however, does not of itself indicate CP membership on the part of any particular member.

In the latter part of 1954, [redacted] and [redacted] made available copies of a pamphlet soliciting help for the IPP in the November (1954) election. Among the Officers of the IPP listed was PAUL ROBESON, National Co-Chairman.

[redacted] advised that a reception for ROBESON was held at the Alpha House, 2016 South Western Avenue, Los Angeles, on March 16, 1955. [redacted] stated that the bulletin board at the Alpha House reflected that this reception was to be sponsored by the "Ratcliffe Club" and was apparently arranged by "RICK" RATCLIFFE. [redacted] said that ROBESON's subject at this reception was on the freedom enjoyed in Russia and of how his son enjoys his residence there. ROBESON also spoke of his difficulties in obtaining a passport.

[redacted] also advised concerning the above reception, sponsored by the "Ratcliffe Club."

According to [redacted] ALFONSO FRED RATCLIFFE, also known as "RICK", was the IPP Campaign Manager for HORACE V. ALEXANDER (supra), IPP Candidate for Secretary of State for the State of California in 1954.

[redacted] has identified RATCLIFFE as a 1952 member of the CP.

Miscellaneous

In [redacted] [redacted] advised that ROBESON would appear in Los Angeles in March to raise \$10,000 for "Freedom" and would appear at affairs sponsored by the Los Angeles Negro Labor Council (LANLC).

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Freedom Associates Incorporated, located at 139 West 125th Street, New York City, New York, has chapters located in various cities in the United States. The organization issues a monthly publication called "Freedom".

"Freedom", a monthly newspaper published by Freedom Associates, was introduced in November, 1950. The purpose of this publication is promoting Negro matters; the selecting and writing of all material from the viewpoint that it is interesting rather than necessary to the Negro workers; and the importance to the Negro people of their alliance with the labor movement of the working class, according to "The Worker" issue of December 31, 1950.

"The Worker" is the Sunday edition of the "Daily Worker" an East Coast Communist newspaper.

[REDACTED] advised in December, 1950, that the Editorial Board of "Freedom" newspaper was composed of CP members and CP sympathizers. According to [REDACTED] "Freedom" was intended as a replacement of the Harlem Edition of "The Worker".

[REDACTED] advised in January, 1953, that PAUL ROBESON was Chairman of the Editorial Board and writes the main articles for "Freedom".

The Headquarters of the LANLC, 4118 South Central Avenue, Los Angeles, is marked by a large sign, which reflects that the LANLC is the Los Angeles Chapter of the National Negro Labor Council (NNLC).

The NNLC has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

[REDACTED] has advised that [REDACTED] the Hollywood Arts, Sciences and Professions Council (HASP) on [REDACTED] decided to invite ROBESON to appear at a private reception sponsored by the HASP.

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[REDACTED] advised in May, 1954, that the HASP is the Southern California Chapter of the National Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions Council in New York, and that it follows the policies and program of the National organization.

The National Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions was cited as a Communist front by the Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report number 1954, dated April 26, 1950.

[REDACTED] has advised that ROBERTSON spoke for approximately five minutes to a meeting of the Baptist Ministerial Alliance at 41st Place and Paloma Street, Los Angeles on March 14, 1955, on the subject of Africa. ROBERTSON was taken to this meeting by FRANK WHITLEY.

[REDACTED] has identified WHITLEY as a [REDACTED] member of the CP and Executive Secretary of the LANLC.

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No Security Index recommendation is made since New York is the office of origin.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-12304)

DATE: 7/25/55

FROM : SAC, New York (100-25857)

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SUBJECT: PAUL ROBESON, was  
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## REFERENCE

SAC Letter 55-30, dated 4/12/55.

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AND FIELD OFFICES  
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## SUCCINCT RESUME OF CASE

All informants set forth herein have furnished reliable information in the past or were in a logical position to furnish information relative to the subject unless the contrary is noted. (u)

On [redacted] and [redacted] advised that on 1/26/55, the subject was a speaker at a mass rally sponsored by the Civil Rights Congress, NYC, to "Free William L. Patterson and Benjamin Davis". On [redacted] advised that subject and wife attended a reception held in honor of J. WINIEWICZ, Polish Ambassador, on 2/10/55, at the Polish UN Delegation, NYC. [redacted]

[redacted] on 3/24/55, NY 687-s (u) advised that subject and wife attended a party held at the USSR UN Delegation, NYC in honor of two Soviet women delegates to the Commission on the Status of Women.

On [redacted] advised subject was a speaker at the May Day Rally held 4/29/55, at Union Square, NYC. (u)

The April, 1955, edition of "Freedom", Vol. 5, No. 4, Page 2, Col. 2, listed PAUL ROBESON as Chairman of the Editorial Board of instant newspaper. "Freedom" is published by Freedom Associates, 139 West 125th Street, NYC. In December, 1950, [redacted] advised that the Editorial Board of "Freedom" is composed of CP members and sympathizers and stated that "Freedom" was intended as a replacement for the Harlem edition of "The Worker". (u)

On [redacted] advised that as of that date the subject was Chairman of the Council on African Affairs. (u)

## RECOMMENDATION

Retain on SI. LBT

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Subject speaker at CRC rally, 1/26/55; attended various affairs

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BPM:JAC

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at Soviet and satellite UN delegations, 1955 and was speaker at May Day celebration, 1955. Subject Chairman of Editorial Board of "Freedom" and Chairman of Council on African Affairs, June, 1955.

DETCON TABBING

1. Subject presently tabbed for Detcom.
2. SI cards have not been received from the Bureau bearing Detcom in large, red letters under the new criteria set forth in SAC Letter 55-12 (A) dated 2/10/55,
3. It is recommended that subject be tabbed for Detcom under the new criteria set forth in SAC Letter 55-12, 2/10/55, in view of subject's position as Chairman of the Council on African Affairs. Subject, further, is a key figure of the NYO.

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Assistant Attorney General  
Warren E. Burger

July 28, 1955

Director, FBI

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100-12304-330  
PAUL ROBESON V. JOHN FOSTER DULLES  
(D.C.D.C., CIVIL NO. 169-55)  
FBI FILE 100-12304

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Reference is made to a memorandum from Mr. George S. Leonard of the Department dated July 26, 1955, your reference GSI:APV:lg, 145-2-47, in the captioned case.

Robeson is currently the subject of a security investigation by the Bureau. For your information, reports reflecting the results of our investigation of Robeson from 1942 to date have been disseminated to the Records Administration Branch.

2 cc - Assistant Attorney General  
William F. Tompkins

2 cc - New York (100-25857) (W/Enclosure)

Note SAC, New York:

Enclosed for your information is one copy of a memorandum from the Department dated July 26, 1955, which is self-explanatory.

Note on yellow:

Subject in SI, key figure New York Office. Last report reflecting current activities of subject submitted by New York under date July 6, 1955.

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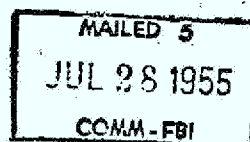
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: JUL 26 1955

FROM : Geo. S. Leonard  
Acting Assistant Attorney General  
Civil Division

GSL:APV:lg

SUBJECT: Paul Robeson v. John Foster Dulles  
(D.C.D.C., Civil No. 169-55)

145-2-47

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Boardman	_____
Mr. Belmont	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
Mr. Parsons	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tamm	_____
Mr. Sizoo	_____
Mr. Winterrowd	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Mr. Holloman	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

It is requested that you make available to this Division all Federal Bureau of Investigation files on Paul Robeson. These files will be made available to the attorneys in the Civil Division assigned the defense of the above-captioned passport denial case as well as the Assistant United States Attorney assigned to the case. These men have been cleared to handle confidential and secret material.

In view of the fact that Robeson's attorneys filed, on July 25, 1955, a motion for preliminary injunction and for summary judgment in this matter it is essential that these files be made available as soon as possible so that this action may be properly defended.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT: PAUL ROBESON  
REPORTS SENT TO DEPARTMENT

DATE: 8/5/55

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Boardman \_\_\_\_\_  
Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
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Parsons \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Sizoo \_\_\_\_\_  
Winterrowd \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Holloman \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

G. I. R. ?

Mr. Vance, of the Civil Division of the Department, called my office at 4:00 p.m., 8/5/55, and advised that the Department by letter, 7/26/55, had requested the FBI to forward all files pertaining to the captioned individual. Vance stated that by letter, 7/28/55, the FBI advised the Department that reports on the captioned subject had been forwarded to the Department since 1942, and that it was believed a check of the Central Records Section of the Department would reflect such reports. Vance wanted to know if we could give any further identification inasmuch as the Records Division of the Department had reported to him they had no record on Paul Robeson. He was advised that this was somewhat strange inasmuch as it was definitely known that the Department must have considerable references to Robeson, however, that a check would be made to see if we could help him out in any way.

After checking with the Domestic Intelligence Division, it was determined that we have sent approximately 30 reports to the Department since 1942 regarding Paul Robeson, the latest report being sent as of 7/29/55. All reports have been sent by routing slip to the Division of Records and all were captioned "Paul Robeson - Internal Security - C."

Mr. Vance was telephonically contacted and advised of the above information. He stated that since his call he had been able to determine the Department had one file on Robeson and that he felt that this would be sufficient. He stated the urgency of the situation came about as a result of the State Department desiring to hold a conference that particular afternoon regarding Robeson. Robeson apparently is applying for a passport.

ACTION:

For record purposes.

cc - Mr. Belmont

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Louis B. Nichols  
Assistant to the Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
FROM : Robert W. Minor  
Acting Deputy Attorney General  
SUBJECT: PAUL ROBESON v. JOHN FOSTER DULLES

DATE: August 11, 1955

We will be glad to have your opinion on this  
as soon as possible.

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cc-Nichols  
Boardman  
Belmont  
Baumgardner  
Brouse

August 12, 1955

Mr. William P. Rogers  
Deputy Attorney General  
Director, FBI

PAUL ROBESON  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C  
FBI FILE 100-12304

Reference is made to the memorandum of Robert W. Minor, Acting Deputy Attorney General, dated August 11, 1955, captioned "Paul Robeson v. John Foster Dulles," which enclosed a proposed copy of an affidavit intended to be filed in opposition to motions on behalf of Robeson and in support of your cross-motion for summary judgment in this matter.

In accordance with your request, we have reviewed the proposed affidavit, specifically paragraph 18 which is described as a summary of information taken from Bureau reports previously furnished the Department of State concerning Robeson's activities.

The decision whether to use this information in the proposed affidavit is, of course, for you to make; however, should you decide the information is to be used it should be with the provision that the FBI not be identified as the source and it will not be necessary to produce any Bureau reports in subsequent proceedings in this matter.

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Re memo Belmont to Boardman dated August 12, 1955, captioned as above, KLB:ph.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. L. V. Boardman

DATE: August 12, 1955

FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT: PAUL ROBESON  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C  
BUFILE 100-12304

Tolson	✓
Boardman	✓
Nichols	✓
Belmont	✓
Harbo	✓
Mohr	✓
Parsons	✓
Rosen	✓
Tamm	✓
Sizoo	✓
Winterrowd	✓
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Holloman	✓
Gandy	✓

Robeson, a key figure of the New York Office, has been denied a passport by the Department of State and has entered a civil suit "Paul Robeson v. John Foster Dulles" in an effort to appeal State's decision and secure a passport. Attorneys in the Civil Division of the Department of Justice have been assigned the defense of this case.

Attorneys for Robeson have filed motions for preliminary injunction and summary judgment to be heard 8-16-55.

On 8-11-55 the Department of Justice furnished a copy of a proposed affidavit drawn up for execution by Miss Frances G. Knight, Director, Passport Office, Department of State, to be filed with Department of Justice' opposition to plaintiff's motions and in support of its cross-motion for summary judgment. The Department noted the proposed affidavit contains specifically in paragraph 18 a resume of information taken from "FBI files" (Bureau reports previously furnished Department of State) and forwarded this affidavit for clearance. Department requested Bureau's decision by the afternoon of August 12, 1955.

Paragraph 18 states: "In addition to the information set forth above, consideration was given to information of a highly confidential character from another agency of the Government which indicated, among other things, that the plaintiff was a Communist; that he made frequent visits to the Soviet Embassy and to the embassies of other Iron Curtain countries, that he associated upon many occasions with a number of Communist and officials of the Communist Party, including residence with such persons at their homes in various parts of the country, and that he attended numerous Communist sponsored functions, including in the recent past, the National Conference to Win Amnesty for the Victims of the Smith Act and a dinner in behalf of International Publishers, the official Communist publishing house in the United States."

Enclosure

cc-Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Boardman  
Mr. Belmont  
Mr. Baugardner  
Mr. Brouse

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Bureau reports previously disseminated to Department of State have been reviewed and were found to contain the information set forth in paragraph 18 of the proposed affidavit. The information as set forth in this affidavit would not compromise other existing investigations being conducted by the Bureau or reveal sources or confidential techniques utilized in Bureau investigations.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

(1) In view of the above, it is recommended Department be advised that Bureau defers to Department's judgment as to the decision whether to use this information in the proposed affidavit; however, the information specifically in paragraph 18 has been reviewed and if a decision is made to use that information, it should be with the provision that the FBI not be identified as the source and it will not be necessary to produce any Bureau reports in subsequent proceedings in this matter.

(2) It is also recommended this memorandum and its attachment be routed to Mr. Nichols prior to mailing the attachment.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-12304)

DATE: 10-17-55

FROM : SAC, New York (100-56680)

Card U.T.B.  
10/25/55  
aaSUBJECT: ESLANDA DORDOZO ROBESON, was  
SM - C

It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.

1 The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows: (Specify change only)

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ALIASES \_\_\_\_\_

NATIVE BORN \_\_\_\_\_ NATURALIZED \_\_\_\_\_ ALIEN \_\_\_\_\_

COMMUNIST \_\_\_\_\_ SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY \_\_\_\_\_ INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST LEAGUE \_\_\_\_\_

MISCELLANEOUS (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

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RESIDENCE ADDRESS Room 418, Dauphin Hotel,

Broadway, &amp; 67th Street, N.Y.C.

REGISTERED MAIL

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304)

DATE: 10/28/55

FROM : SAC, WFO (100-19021)

SUBJECT: PAUL ROBESON, was.  
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(OO: NEW YORK)

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ReWFOlet dated 7/21/55 and New York letter dated 10/10/55 requesting review of subject's passport file for purpose of identifying subject's legal and/or mailing address.

On 10/19/55 SA [REDACTED] was advised by [REDACTED] of the Passport Office that subject's file has been in the possession of R. W. SCOTT MC LEOD's office for several months and is unavailable for review at this time. R. W. SCOTT MC LEOD, it is noted, is the Administrator, Bureau of Security and Consular Affairs, Department of State. b7c

Also, on 10/19/55 Mr. ASHLEY J. NICHOLAS, Acting Chief, Passport Legal Division, Passport Office, Department of State, advised that there is nothing particularly significant pending in ROBESON's case at this time. NICHOLAS said although he does not have the file available to check, he recalled that on about 10/1/55 the subject requested permission to visit China for the purpose of attending some conference. NICHOLAS added that shortly thereafter the Passport Office sent a letter to LEONARD B. BOUDIN, New York City, attorney of the subject, denying the subject's request. NICHOLAS said that to his knowledge there were no more recent developments in the ROBESON case.

In view of the fact that the subject's file is in the possession of R. W. SCOTT MC LEOD's office, as noted above, it is requested that the Bureau's Liaison Section review the subject's file for the purpose of identifying the subject's current legal residence and/or mailing address.

The New York Office is interested in obtaining the identity of any residence addresses for the subject during the periods 1954-55. B

Since no further investigation in this matter is contemplated by the WFO, this case is being RUP'd.

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SAC, New York (100-25857)

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PAUL ROBESON  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Re Washington Field Office letter dated  
October 28, 1955, with copies to New York.

Records of the Passport Division, State  
Department were checked via liaison, Bureau on  
November 7, 1955. Records of the Passport Division  
contain an application for passport by Robeson  
dated July 2, 1954. This application reflects the  
residence and mailing address of Robeson as 155 West  
136th Street, New York City.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Belmont	_____
Mr. Harbo	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Parsons	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
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Mr. Sizoo	_____
Mr. Winterrowd	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Mr. Holloman	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

TO : Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: October 11, 1955

FROM : William F. Tompkins, Assistant Attorney General  
Internal Security Division

SUBJECT: Letter concerning the  
Paul Robeson case

There is forwarded herewith for your information and any action deemed warranted a copy of a letter dated October 7, 1955, from The Los Angeles Forum, 1055 1/2 East 41st Street, Los Angeles 11, California. The resolution mentioned in the letter was not enclosed therein.

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Enclosure No. 130402

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A People's Organization  
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The Los Angeles Forum  
1055 1/2 East 41st. Street  
Los Angeles 11, California  
October 7, 1955

Slogan:  
"World Peace  
Freedom and Liberty"

To The honorable Brownell  
And President Eisenhower

The members of the Los Angeles Forum of Los Angeles California, and all friends of the Court and the people who believe in Justice and fair play appeal to you as heads of the government to review the so-called Paul Robeson case.

It is with grave concern that we call this matter to your attention. Our concern is not so much for Mr. Robeson as an individual, but the status of our government, yours and mine in the Eyes of the world.

Paul Robeson has been an outstanding Citizen, as a College student, as an athlete, and as a Civic leader among his, the Negro people.

Mr. Robeson is well known all over Europe and is hailed as one of the world's Artist of renown. For the past few years he has been invited to appear in Concert in many cities, but each time has been denied a Pass Port, a privilege enjoyed by Artist of lesser ability.

We contend that the treatment accorded Paul Robeson not only is a denial of his right to earn a decent living for himself and his family, but is also a denial of the enjoyment of that phase of the Constitution of the United States, which guarantees to every Citizen thereof, life, liberty, and Pursuit of happiness.

Please find enclosed; The Resolution adopted by the Los Angeles Forum, Sunday October, 2, 1955.

Sincerely yours,

*John V. Pitts*  
John V. Pitts, President

*Helen N. Wright*  
Helen N. Wright

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ENCLOSURE

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-12304)

DATE: 11/4/55

FROM : SAC, New York (100-25857)

SUBJECT: PAUL ROBESON, was  
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Card U.T.D.

11-10-55

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ALIASES \_\_\_\_\_

NATIVE BORN \_\_\_\_\_ NATURALIZED \_\_\_\_\_ ALIEN \_\_\_\_\_

COMMUNIST \_\_\_\_\_ SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY \_\_\_\_\_ INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST LEAGUE \_\_\_\_\_

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DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_

BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address) \_\_\_\_\_

Freedom Associates, 139 West 125th Street, New York, N.Y. Subject

also ~~is~~ self-employed concert singer.

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RESIDENCE ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

155 West 136th Street, New York, N.Y.

c/o Rev. B. C. ROBESON (Note: Subject travels constantly and may be located at the above address at infrequent intervals)

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BY COURIER SERVICE

100-12304

Date: November 8, 1955

To: Mr. Dennis A. Flinn (orig. & 1)  
Director  
Office of Security  
Department of State  
515 22nd Street, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

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From: John Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: PAUL ROBESON, with alias  
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- Holloman
- Gandy

cc - 1 - London, England (100-1112) (For Information)

cc - 1 - Foreign Liaison Unit

cc - 1 - Records Administration Branch (Routing slip 0-6)

cc - 1 - 100-3-61 (Communist Party, Same date)

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Letter to Mr. Dennis A. Flinn  
Director  
Office of Security  
Department of State

The October 22, 1955, issue of the London  
"Daily Worker" carried the following article:

**"ROBERSON'S CALL**

"I am a prisoner within the confines  
of my native land, said the world-famous  
Negro singer Paul Robeson in a message he  
has sent to a conference taking place in  
Glasgow tomorrow in the Central Halls at  
2.30 p.m. on the attacks on democratic  
liberties in America. Visitors will be  
welcome."

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These data are being furnished you as a matter of  
information.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. R. R. ROACH

DATE: November 18, 1955

FROM : MR. O. H. BARTLETT

SUBJECT: ESLANDA CORDOZO GOODE ROBESON, aka.  
MRS. PAUL ROBESON  
SECURITY MATTER - C

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Tele. Room	_____
Holloman	_____
Gandy	_____

On 11-17-55 [redacted] of the State Department advised Mr. Bartlett of the Liaison Section that about a month ago Mrs. Paul Robeson was accredited to the United Nations as a correspondent for the "New World Review." [redacted] stated that if the Bureau picked up any information concerning her possible misuse of her accreditation, State would appreciate our immediately furnishing same to the State Department.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that this memorandum be routed to the Exp. neg. and Subversive Control Sections. It may be noted that instant case is now in a closed status.

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- 1 - Mr. J.A. Jackson
- 1 - Liaison Section
- 1 - Mr. Bartlett

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cc-Jackson

November 25, 1955

SAC, New York (100-56680)

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ESLANDA CORDOZO ROBESON  
SECURITY MATTER - C

For the information of the New York Office, the State Department advised the Bureau via liaison that approximately a month ago the captioned individual was accredited to the United Nations as a correspondent for the "New World Review." The State Department requested to be advised of any information received by the Bureau in the future indicating Robeson's misuse of her accreditation. Accordingly, New York should immediately advise the Bureau of any information reflecting on the subject's accreditation to the United Nations.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Subject, wife of Paul Robeson, in SI. Case presently in closed status; pertinent reports reflecting investigation of this subject have been previously disseminated to the State Department.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-12304)

DATE: 11/29/55

FROM : SAC, New York (100-56680)

SUBJECT: ESLANDA CORDOZO ROBESON, was.  
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Card U.T.D.

12-5-55

It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.

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Belmont  
Jackson

December 13, 1955

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RE: PAUL ROBESON

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For your additional information, it has been ascertained that it would not be necessary for Robeson to obtain a passport or tourist card for travel to Trinidad providing he possessed a round trip ticket, the trip originated in the United States, and would not extend for a period exceeding six months. No information has been obtained to date [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] regarding the alleged trip to Trinidad. If such information is obtained in the future, you will be promptly advised. (u)

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cc - Foreign Liaison Unit

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Date: December 13, 1955

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Mr. Dennis A. Flinn  
Director  
Office of Security  
Department of State  
515 - 22nd Street, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

BY COURIER SERVICE

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: PAUL ROBESON  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

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Parsons \_\_\_\_\_  
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Holloman \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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2cc - New York (100-25857) (W/Enclosure) See note page 2.  
1cc - London (Information) SECRET AIR COURIER.  
cc - Bufile (100-44826) [REDACTED]  
cc - Foreign Liaison Unit [REDACTED]

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Letter to Mr. Dennis A. Flinn  
Director  
Office of Security  
Department of State

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Any additional information coming to the attention of this Bureau regarding any proposed trip by Robeson to Trinidad will be promptly furnished to you. It is requested that this Bureau be advised of any information coming to your attention regarding the above. The above is for your information and is not to be disseminated outside of your Department. (u)

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2cc - Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
2430 E Street, N. W.,  
Washington, D. C.

BY COURIER SERVICE

Attention: Deputy Director, Plans

NOTE SAC, NEW YORK:

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Letter to Mr. Dennis A. Flinn  
Director  
Office of Security  
Department of State

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Robeson key figure NYO. [REDACTED] subject  
of Bufile 100-44826. A review of this file reflects no  
derogatory information regarding [REDACTED]  
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. E. E. ROACH

DATE: December 16, 1955

FROM : W. T. WHALEY

~~SECRET~~SUBJECT: PAUL ROBESON  
100-12304  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

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Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Holloman \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

The above information was furnished to Supervisor [redacted] this A.M., and he later advised that Section Chief [redacted] telephonically contacted the ASAC [redacted] at New York and alerted him to this information. (u)

ACTION:

That this memorandum be furnished to the Subversive Control Section for its information. (u)

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1-Section Tickler

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Transmit the following Teletype message to:  
PAUL ROBESON, IS-C.

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Mr. Boardman	
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Submitted for information. (u)

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Mr. Belmont

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Special Agent in Charge

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Tickers: Mr. Jackson  
Liaison Section  
Mr. Taryn

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BY COURIER SERVICE

LA-124

Date: December 22, 1955  
To: Mr. Dennis A. Flinn  
Director  
Office of Security  
Department of State  
515 22nd Street, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

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APPROPRIATE AGENCIES  
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8/3/81

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: PAUL ROBESON  
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cc - 1 - AAG William F. Tompkins, routing slip 06, same date.

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Letter to Mr. Dennis A. Flinn  
Director  
Office of Security  
Department of State

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TO : Director, FBI (100-12304)

DATE: 12/30/55

FROM : SAC, New York (100-56680)

SUBJECT: ESLANDA CORDOZO ROBESON, was.  
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COMMUNIST \_\_\_\_\_ SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY \_\_\_\_\_ INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST LEAGUE \_\_\_\_\_

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INTERESTED AGENCIES

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TITLE OF CASE <b>PAUL ROBESON, was</b>		Report made by <b>[REDACTED] b7c</b>	Typed By <b>jlk</b>
ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN OTHERWISE.		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - C</b>	

## Synopsis:

Subject is a self-employed concert singer and until June, 1955, was Chairman of the Council on African Affairs. Subject Chairman of Editorial Bd. of "Freedom", July-Aug., 1955, and scheduled to be featured writer for "Freedom" in regular issues 1956. In Oct., 1955, subject resided at 155 W. 136th St., NYC. Subject attended "Justice for SOBELL" meeting, [REDACTED] and in testimony before the NY Joint Legislative Committee on Charitable and Philanthropic Agencies and Organizations on 2/24/55, admitted association and/or connection with the CRC and that he was an officer of the CRC. Subject attended meeting of Emergency Civil Liberties Committee, [REDACTED] was listed as a "contributor" in Spring, 1955 issue of "Sing Out", a publication of People's Artists, Inc.; attended reception given by East Bay Youth Committee, Oakland, Calif., 6/30/55, and continued agitation for the issuance of his passport by the US Dept. of State.

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DETAILS:

I. BACKGROUND

A. Employment

The "Daily Worker" issue of September 6, 1955, page six, column three, contained an article entitled, "ROBESON'S Popularity Greater Than Ever Concert Tour Shows". This article spoke of the "great" reception received by PAUL ROBESON during his concert tours in Oakland and San Francisco, California.

The "Daily Worker" is an East Coast Communist daily newspaper.

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The CAA has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The December 31, 1950 issue of "The Worker" contained an article which described "Freedom" as a monthly newspaper published by Freedom Associates which was introduced in November, 1950. This article pointed out that the purpose of the newspaper was to promote Negro matters, the selecting and writing of all material from the view point that is interesting, rather than necessary to the Negro worker and to point out the importance to the Negro people of their alliance with the labor movement of the workers' class.

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"The Worker" is the Sunday edition of the "Daily Worker", described above.

In December, 1950, [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that the Editorial Board of "Freedom" was composed of Communist Party (CP) members and sympathizers. According to [REDACTED] "Freedom" was intended as a replacement for the Harlem edition of "The Worker".

"The Worker", dated June 20, 1955, page two, column three, contained an article entitled, "African Affairs Council Dissolves", with a sub-title, "Directors Say Others Continue Pioneering Work, Harassment By Government Hampers Activities". This article stated that the Executive Board of the CAA, June 17, 1955, unanimously voted to dissolve the organization and terminate all its activities, which decision ended 18 years of the CAA in the cause of African freedom. The article reflected that the Executive Board of the Council, headed by PAUL ROBESON, indicated that one consideration for this action was the fact that continued Government harassment had made further effective work of the CAA impossible.

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The July - August, 1955 issue of "Freedom", Volume V, Number 6, Page 2, listed PAUL ROBESON as Chairman of the Editorial Board of the newspaper. It further noted that "Freedom" is published monthly by Freedom Associates, 139 West 125th Street, New York City.

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B. Residence

On November 7, 1955, the records of the Passport Division, United States Department of State, Washington, D. C., reflected that on an Application for Passport, dated July 2, 1954, PAUL ROBESON indicated his residence and mailing address as 155 West 136th Street, New York City.

On September 20, 1955, [REDACTED] advised that WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, then resided at 409 Edgecomb Avenue, New York City. [REDACTED] stated that during the Summer of 1955, while the PATTERSON family was on vacation, their apartment was occupied at various times by PAUL ROBESON.

On September 14, 1955, [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that at that time, WILLIAM L. PATTERSON was the Executive Secretary of the Civil Rights Congress (CRC).

The Civil Rights Congress has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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On [REDACTED] who was in a logical position to furnish reliable information, advised that on [REDACTED] the subject indicated that his residence in New York was 155 West 136th Street, New York City.

C. Status of Health

On [REDACTED] advised that on October 10, 1955, the subject was admitted to the Sydenham Hospital, Manhattan Avenue and 123rd Street, New York City, as a private patient. [REDACTED] stated that ROBESON was operated on for a prostate condition on October 11, 1955, which operation would necessitate a convalescence period of from two to three weeks. [REDACTED] that a second operation in the subject's case could occur, depending upon the results of the first.

On [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that information received by [REDACTED] indicated that the subject's recovery from his operation is going badly and the subject has been quite ill at home.

II. AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

A. CP Sympathies

The "China Daily News" issue of February 19, 1955, page five, item 12, reflects a news item stating that PAUL ROBESON, Negro singer, had written an article for publication in the Soviet newspaper, "Pravda" in which ROBESON reportedly stated that the United States has become the headquarters for reactionists, a small but influential group supported by industry and capitalism. ROBESON pointed out that the American people "know that the traitorous CHIANG Clique on Formosa is only a group of vagabonds and can never lawfully represent the Chinese people."

On July 17, 1955, [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that the "China Daily News" (CDN), continues to be the main propaganda organ for the Chinese Communist element in the United States.

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On June 24, 1955, [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that in its editorial policy and treatment of the news, the "CDN" consistently favors the Chinese Communists and opposes the United States. [REDACTED] stated that the "CDN", to his knowledge, has never editorially criticized the Chinese Communists or printed any news unfavorable to them.

On June 15, 1954, the "CDN" and EUGENE MOY, its Managing Editor, were convicted in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, for a violation of the Trading with the Enemy Act, in connection with the paper's printing of advertisements for Chinese Communist banks which sought to induce Chinese in the United States to send money to Communist China.

In June, 1955, [REDACTED], who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that the policy of the "CDN" has remained unchanged since the above conviction. [REDACTED] stated that the only change in the paper is that it no longer prints the advertisement for which it was convicted. He stated that this, however, has had no effect on the editorial policy of the paper.

On July 12, 1955, [REDACTED], who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that on [REDACTED], the subject attended and spoke at a "Justice for SOBELL Meeting" held at [REDACTED]. According to [REDACTED], ROBESON gave a fanatical talk on fighting for SOBELL, Negro rights and the rights of labor.

MORTON SOBELL was convicted on March 29, 1951, in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, on Conspiracy to Commit Espionage on Behalf of the Soviet Union and was sentenced on April 15, 1951, to 30 years imprisonment. He is currently serving his sentence in the Federal Penitentiary, Alcatraz, California.

The "Daily Worker" issue of July 22, 1955, page one, column one, contained an article entitled, "ROBESON Says He'll Sue If Passport Reply Is Negative!" This article stated that ROBESON had indicated that any negative

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decision by the United States State Department regarding his passport would result in a court suit. The article pointed out that ROBESON had angrily denied press reports to the effect that he was willing to sign a non-Communist affidavit as a prerequisite for obtaining a passport. The article quoted ROBESON as saying, "I contend that even Communists now have the right to travel according to recent court decisions and further, I contend that the affidavit has nothing to do with the denial of a passport to me".

The "New York Herald Tribune" newspaper issue of August 11, 1955, page eight, contained an article entitled, "ROBESON Passport Ban Upheld By United States Court". In part, the article quoted PAUL ROBESON as stating, in connection with the non-Communist affidavit requirement, "Of course I won't sign.....I consider it to be an invasion of every Constitutional liberty I have".

The "Daily Worker" issue of August 19, 1955, page three, column four, contained an article entitled, "ROBESON Says He'd Gladly Join United States - Soviet Cultural Exchange". This article stated that PAUL ROBESON was highly gratified by recent reports from the Soviet Union listing him as one of the American artists whom Soviet cultural leaders would like to have included in a program of cultural exchange with the United States. The article stated that ROBESON described as "completely unfounded" a wire service dispatch on August 16, 1955, indicating that he did not intend to visit Russia again. According to the article, ROBESON stated "The fact is, I have specifically requested a passport to permit me to accept an offer to make a film version of Othello in Moscow and can think of no travel abroad that would be more enjoyable than another trip to the Soviet Union".

B. Connections and/or Association of the Subject with CP Fronts

On March 15, 1955, [REDACTED] made available records of the [REDACTED]

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proceedings before the New York Joint Legislative Committee on Charitable and Philanthropic Agencies and Organizations held February 23-25, 1955, in the Supreme Court, State of New York, 60 Centre Street, New York City. In his testimony February 24, 1955, before the Committee, the subject stated that he had been associated with the CRC; that he considered the CRC to be one of the most important organizations fighting for the freedom of the Negro people; that he contributed much of his time to the work of the CRC; that he had been an officer of the CRC; that he was not sure of just what position he occupied, but believed himself to be a member of the Board of Directors; that he did not remember any amounts of money collected by the CRC for various causes in the defense of Civil rights.

On [REDACTED], who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that PAUL ROBESON attended a meeting of the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee, New York City, on [REDACTED]. According to [REDACTED] PAUL ROBESON spoke at the meeting concerning the shame and loss suffered by people everywhere because of rules governing travel. b7D

The "Daily Worker" issue of October 8, 1951, page one, columns four and five, in an article entitled, "150 Notables Form Emergency Civil Liberties Committee", reflected that the formation of the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee (ECLC) had been announced on October 7, 1951. It was pointed out that the purposes of the organization would be to help mobilize public opinion in support of the traditional American Constitutional guarantees of civil liberties and to render aid to victims of abridgement of these liberties in politics, education and the professions.

Writing in "Political Affairs" issue of August 19, 1954, ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, convicted CP functionary, referred to the ECLC as one of the "forces carrying on the defense of the Bill of Rights today".



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Concerning "Political Affairs", FLYNN, testifying in the case "United States versus ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, ET AL" on October 20, 1952, stated that "Political Affairs" has been the theoretical organ of the CP since the publication's inception in 1945.

On April 25, 1955, the Spring, 1955 issue of "Sing Out" listed PAUL ROBESON as a "contributor". Page two of this issue reflected that "Sing Out" is published quarterly by People's Artists, Incorporated, 124 West 21st Street, New York City.

People's Artists, Incorporated

1. Cited as a Communist front.  
(California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1943, p. 91.)

On [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that on June 30, 1955, a reception in honor of PAUL ROBESON was held at 445 Fairmont Avenue, Oakland, California, which affair was sponsored by the East Bay Youth Committee. [REDACTED] advised that 70 or 80 persons were in attendance and ROBESON both sang and commented on various current issues.

With regard to the East Bay Youth Committee, [REDACTED] advised that it was, in reality, the Labor Youth League (LYL), which organization uses such names in planning for broad attendance at a function.

The Labor Youth League has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

On [REDACTED] advised that on August 18, 1955, BELLA ALTSHULER, described by [REDACTED] as a member of the CP and Secretary of the Bronx Committee for Freedom of Political Prisoners, stated that the latter organization was planning to have a banquet on September 10, 1955, in the Bronx, New York. ALTSHULER advised that money raised at

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this affair would be divided between the families of political prisoners and political refugees. According to [REDACTED] ALTSHULER listed PAUL ROBESON as being a member of the Banquet Sponsoring Committee.

With regard to the Bronx Committee for the Freedom of Political Prisoners in November, 1954, [REDACTED] advised that the organization was formed in 1952, by CP members in the Bronx, New York. [REDACTED] described this committee as the type of Communist group that is formed in a local vicinity for the sole purpose of agitating for amnesty for convicted CP leaders. According to [REDACTED] the committee has no membership or formal organizational set-up and comes into activity only when an amnesty drive is in progress.

C. Subject's Activities in and/or Subversive Ramifications of His Passport Case

On July 19, 1955, Mr. ASHLEY J. NICHOLAS, Assistant Director, Passport Office, United States Department of State, Washington, D. C., advised SA [REDACTED] that subject and his attorney, LEONARD BOUDIN, conferred with Miss FRANCES G. KNIGHT, Director of the Passport Office, on July 18, 1955, relative to obtaining a passport for the subject. In the afternoon, this same date, various State Department officials conferred with the subject and the question of subject's restriction in travelling to Canada was discussed. The subject and BOUDIN raised this question, inasmuch as ROBESON desired to travel to Vancouver, British Columbia, in July, 1955.

NICHOLAS advised that on July 19, 1955, he telephonically contacted subject's attorney and informed him of the State Department's decision to allow the subject to travel in Canada. NICHOLAS added, however, that no decision has been reached on the matter of issuing a passport to ROBESON for proposed travel abroad.

[REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on June 21, 1950, that he knew LEONARD B. BOUDIN to be a concealed member of the CP and actively associated with Communist fronts prior to 1945.

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The "Daily Worker" issue of July 21, 1955, page three, column three, contained an article entitled, "ROBESON to Visit Canada After Concert At Peace Arch, Sunday". The article stated that PAUL ROBESON would exercise his newly won right to travel in Canada, following the fourth annual concert in the Peace Arch Park near Blaine, Washington, on the Canadian border.

The "Daily Worker" of July 28, 1955, page three, column one, contained an article entitled, "ROBESON'S 4th Concert At Canadian Border Stirs More Than 15,000". The article stated that on July 27th, PAUL ROBESON gave his fourth annual concert at Peace Arch Park which was turned into a victory celebration in view of the action of the United States State Department in rescinding its ban on ROBESON'S right to travel in Canada.

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"The Worker" issue of August 14, 1955, page eight, column three, contained an article entitled, "Millions Eager To Welcome Our Best Ambassador Of Good Will". The article states that letters have been received from the United States and other countries urging that ROBESON be free to travel. Adjacent to the article is a small printed box entitled, "Lift Every Voice", which urges the reader to "write today to President EISENHOWER" relative to lifting the passport restrictions on PAUL ROBESON.

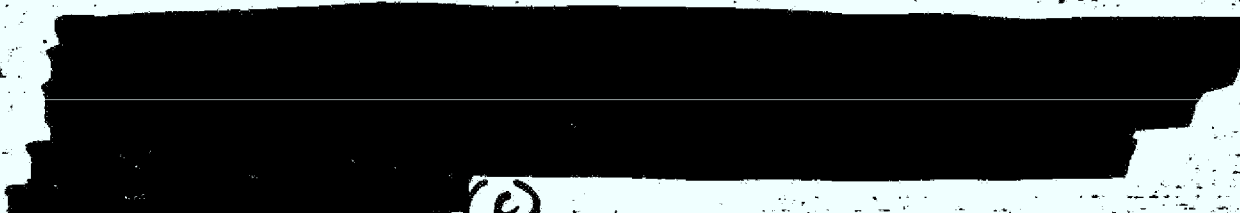
The "Daily Worker" issue of October 17, 1955, page six, column three, contained an article entitled, "The Real Issues Behind The Denial Of ROBESON'S Passport". The article pointed out that PAUL ROBESON had issued a statement in reply to comment in other newspapers that he was not following the standard requirements of the State Department in attempting to get the passport. The article quoted from ROBESON'S statement as follows: "The fact is, the so called non-Communist affidavit which the Passport Office insists that I must sign before my application can be considered is not a standard requirement....To deny the free exercise of such a basic right by inquiries into a citizen's political beliefs and by special oaths for arbitrarily selected individuals is to make a mockery of our democratic institutions".


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CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT was Chairman of the Illinois - Indiana District of the CP and member of the National Administrative Committee of the CP. He was convicted in Chicago, Illinois in early 1955, under the membership clause of the Smith Act of 1940.

On November 9, 1955,  who was in a logical position to furnish reliable information, made available an undated letter from WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, 6 East 17th Street, New York 3, New York, addressed to "Dear Friend:". This letter bears the written notation, "200 International Leaders Of Peace Movement" and calls for petitions and delegations to be sent to the United States Embassies, Consulates and Information Centers in every country and for messages to be sent to President EISENHOWER and Secretary DULLES in Washington. In part the letter stated, "We ask of you a statement in support of PAUL ROBESON'S right to travel, a statement that we may present to the American people, along with similar expressions from other distinguished leaders of the World Peace Movement". The announced purpose of the letter is to enlist aid and support in behalf of PAUL ROBESON, described as an American prisoner of the cold war.

D. Miscellaneous CP Activities

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The Tass News Agency is the Soviet Russian News Gathering Agency in the United States, and as such, is registered with the United States Department of Justice under the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended.

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III. MISCELLANEOUS

Informants cognizant of some Communist activity in the New York area, all of whom have furnished reliable information in the past, were contacted during December, 1955, and stated there was no recent information concerning the subject.

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Informants cognizant of some Communist activity in New York area contacted relative to the subject in December, 1955, with negative results:

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<u>Informant</u>	<u>Date of Contact</u>	<u>Agent Making Contact</u>
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Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and "T" symbols were used in the report only in the instances where the source must be concealed.

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On June 14, 1955, Assistant United States Attorney THOMAS A. BOLAN, Southern District of New York, made available to SA [REDACTED]

Inasmuch as this exhibit was a Grand Jury exhibit, it should not be disseminated outside the Bureau.

ALBERT E. KAHN is described as a "New York State Communist Party Leader," on page 451 of the 1949 Report of the California Committee on Un-American Activities.

On [REDACTED] made available to Agents of the Detroit Division (set forth in Detroit Letter to the Bureau dated 6/28/55, entitled "CP, USA NEGRO QUESTION; IS - C," Bufile 100-3-75; DE file 100-2817), a CP memorandum entitled "Current Concentration Mass Issues in the Field of Struggle for Equal Rights for the Negro People." This

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memorandum was from the National Administrative Committee, CP, USA, and under Section IV, No. 4 listed the "PAUL ROBESON Passport Case". The memorandum states, "this case offers possibilities of a campaign of an offensive character because it centers around a suit brought in Federal Court by the great artist and Negro people's spokesman to force the State Department to 'show cause' why a passport not be issued to him."

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The above information is contained in NY 100-4931-10169.

On 12/7/55 [REDACTED] advised SA [REDACTED] that he was not in the possession of any information concerning the subject not previously reported.

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On 12/5/55 the records of [REDACTED] were checked by SA [REDACTED] which records reflected no information concerning the subject not previously reported.

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On 12/6/55 the records of [REDACTED] were checked by SE [REDACTED] which records reflected no information concerning the subject not previously reported.

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On 12/9/55 the records of the New York Bureau of Motor Vehicles were checked by SE [REDACTED] which records reflected no current driver's license and/or registration on the part of the subject. b7C

On 12/14/55 the records of the Manhattan Board of Elections were checked by SE [REDACTED] relative to the address 155 West 136th Street, New York City. These records contained no information relative to the subject.

On 12/13/55 the records of [REDACTED] were checked by SA [REDACTED] relative to the subject with negative results. b7D b7C

The telephonic pretext to "Freedom", 139 West 135th Street, New York City, on 10/3/55 was conducted by SA [REDACTED] b7C

The telephonic pretext call to "Freedom" on 12/8/55 was conducted by SA [REDACTED] b7E

The records of the Passport Division, U.S. Department of State, Washington, D.C., were checked on 11/7/55 via liaison of the Bureau and furnished the New York Office via Bulet, 11/9/55.

Subject's testimony before the New York Joint Legislative Committee on Charitable and Philanthropic Agencies and Organizations on 2/24/55 at NYC is located in NY file 100-112999-1B-1.

Subject is carried on the SI of the New York Division and his SI cards are current and accurate.

This case has been reevaluated in the light of SI criteria and the case still fits those criteria.

ADMINISTRATIVE PAGE (cont'd.)



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NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will follow and report the activities of the  
subject.

REFERENCE

Report of SA [REDACTED], at New York,  
7/6/55. b7c

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-12304)

FROM : SAC, New York (100-56680)

SUBJECT: ESLANDA CORIOZO ROBESON, was.  
SM-C

DATE: 1/9/56

Card U.I.D.  
1-16-56

It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.

X The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows: (Specify change only)

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ALIASES \_\_\_\_\_

NATIVE BORN \_\_\_\_\_ NATURALIZED \_\_\_\_\_ ALIEN \_\_\_\_\_

COMMUNIST \_\_\_\_\_ SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY \_\_\_\_\_ INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST LEAGUE \_\_\_\_\_

MISCELLANEOUS (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

TAB FOR DETCOM \_\_\_\_\_ TAB FOR COMSAB \_\_\_\_\_ RACE \_\_\_\_\_ SEX \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_

BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address) \_\_\_\_\_

Add: Accredited Correspondent of New World Review to U.N.

## KEY FACILITY DATA:

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: J.J.K.  
FROM: T.H.S.  
SUBJECT:

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304)

DATE: 1/17/56

SAC, NEW YORK (100-25857)

PAUL ROBESON  
IS - C

Rebuairtel to Newark, 12/22/55, captioned  
"Communist Infiltration of the United Electrical, Radio  
and Machine Workers of America, IS-C, ISA of 1950."

Re Newark letter to Director, 1/6/56, captioned,  
"Cominfil UERMWA, IS - C, ISA of 1950."

Re Newark letter requested the NYO to furnish  
the Bureau two Photostats each of certain documents  
which [redacted] had furnished the Newark Office, and  
which the Newark Office had forwarded to the NYO, since  
they were of no value to the Newark Office.

Re Newark letter page 2, paragraph 2, reports  
that by letter dated 10/5/53, Newark forwarded to New  
York under caption "PAUL ROBESON, IS-C," New York file  
100-25857, an invitation to attend a reception for ROBESON  
on occasion of ROBESON'S being presented with the  
International Stalin Peace Prize.

This document was destroyed in the NYO because  
it had previously been received from other sources. If  
the Bureau desired copies of this document as received  
from other sources other than [redacted] they can be forwarded.

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1 - 100-381206 [redacted] (RM)  
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-56680)

SUBJECT: ESLANDA CORDOZO ROBESON,  
SM - C

CONFIDENTIAL DATE: 1/25/56

Reference is made to Bureau letter to New York dated 12/25/55, and New York letter to Bureau 2/10/55.

Referenced New York letter to Bureau contained information received from [redacted] on [redacted], that captioned subject had been issued a temporary accreditation card as a representative of the publication "New World Review" at the UN on 10/8/54. It was reissued on 11/13/54, and expired on 12/23/54. Instant letter also noted that, according to [redacted] accreditation of press representatives to the UN is handled by the Press and Publication Section of the Department of Public Information of the UN. Informant advised that consequently subject was in no way an employee of the UN and would not, at that time, come within the provisions of the LEUN program.

The January, 1956 issue of "New World Review", Vol. 24, No. 1, published by S. R. T. Publications, Inc., 23 West 26th Street, New York City, lists ESLANDA ROBESON as Editorial Consultant on Negro and Colonial Questions. This same issue on Page 17 contains an article by subject concerning recent United Nation matters entitled, "The World Family Grows".

The Bureau is advised that the New York Division is recontacting all logical sources at the UN for any recent information relative to subject's accreditation there as a correspondent for the "New World Review". The results of these contacts will be furnished the Bureau in the near future.

It is noted that subject is carried on the SI of the New York Division and her SI cards are current and accurate.

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cc - Liaison  
Jackson

100-12304

Date: February 13, 1956

To: Miss Frances G. Knight BY COURIER SERVICE  
Director, Passport Office  
Bureau of Security and Consular Affairs  
Department of State  
Washington 25, D. C.

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: PAUL ROBESON  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

According to a Washington City News Service Release dated February 5, 1956, one Kill Paynter, South Wales, President of the National Union of Mine Workers, had reported that Paul Robeson had accepted an invitation of his union to make a singing tour of Wales in October, 1956. According to the news dispatch Paynter said that the United States had apparently lifted a six-year travel ban on the Negro singer and that Robeson had cabled that he would come to Wales as a guest of the above-mentioned union. Copies of reports reflecting the investigation of Robeson have been disseminated to your Department.

In view of the above-mentioned news release it is requested that this Bureau be advised regarding the current passport status of Robeson.

NOTE ON YELLOW: Subject key figure in New York Office. The referenced news release is the only information indicating that Robeson may receive a passport. In view of the litigation regarding this matter in the past, the voluminous reports and memoranda that have been disseminated to the Department of State regarding Robeson in his passport case, it is believed desirable that State be requested to advise of the current status of Robeson's passport fight at this time. [REDACTED] Liaison, requested this matter be referred to Knight.

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 Mr. Boardman \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Mr. Mason \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Parsons \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Winterrowd \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Holloman \_\_\_\_\_  
 Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

*File 5 - Jackson*

(ROBESON)

LONDON--A WELSH MINERS' UNION REPORTED TODAY THAT LEFT-WING AMERICAN SINGER PAUL ROBESON HAS ACCEPTED AN INVITATION TO MAKE A SINGING TOUR OF WALES IN OCTOBER.

WILL PAYNTER, SOUTH WALES PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL UNION OF MINE WORKERS, SAID THE UNITED STATES APPARENTLY HAS LIFTED A SIX-YEAR TRAVEL BAN ON THE NEGRO SINGER.

PAYNTER SAID ROBESON CABLED THAT HE WOULD COME TO WALES AS GUEST OF THE MINERS' UNION.

A SIMILAR INVITATION HAD BEEN EXTENDED LAST YEAR, BUT ROBESON REPLIED THAT HE COULD NOT COME BECAUSE OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S BAN ON HIS TRAVEL OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES.

"WE ASSUME THAT ALL OBJECTIONS TO HIS VISIT HAVE BEEN WITHDRAWN, OTHERWISE HE WOULD NOT HAVE CABLED," PAYNTER SAID. "WORK BEGINS AT ONCE ON ARRANGING A SPECTACULAR TOUR FOR HIM."

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 Let to Miss Krugger, HP  
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RE: PAUL ROBESON

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According to a Washington City News Service Release dated February 5, 1956, one Will Paynter, South Wales, president of the National Union of Mine Workers, had advised that Robeson had accepted an invitation of his union to make a singing tour of Wales in October, 1956. According to the news dispatch, Paynter said that the United States had apparently lifted the 6-year travel ban on the Negro singer and that Robeson had cabled that he would come to Wales as a guest of the above-mentioned union. (u)

You will be immediately advised of any information indicating Robeson may be granted a passport in the future. (u)

2cc - London

cc - New York 100-25857 (For information) W/Enclosure  
NOTE TO SAC, NEW YORK:

[REDACTED] You should remain alert to report any information indicating Robeson is contemplating travel outside of the United States. (S)

cc - Foreign Liaison Unit

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Date: February 9, 1956

To: Mr. Scott McLeod BY COURIER SERVICE  
Administrator  
Bureau of Security and Consular Affairs  
Department of State  
Washington 25, D. C.

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: PAUL ROBESON  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

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NOTE ON YELLOW: Robeson, a key figure in New York Office whose application for a passport was recently denied. Continuing efforts are being made, however, to gain a passport for Robeson. liaison, requested above info be directed to Scott McLeod. JAJ:bew (5)

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Letter to Mr. Scott McLeod  
Administrator  
Bureau of Security and Consular Affairs  
Department of State

William L. Patterson is the National Executive  
Secretary of the Civil Rights Congress. The Civil Rights  
Congress has been designated by the Attorney General pursuant  
to Executive Order 10450. The above is for your information  
and is not to be disseminated outside of your Department. (u)

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# Office Memo • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304)  
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-56680)  
SUBJECT: *ESLANDA CORDOZO ROBESON, was*  
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ReNYlet to Bureau, 1/25/56.

On 2/16/56 [redacted] advised SA [redacted] that captioned subject was at that time an accredited correspondent for the publication, "New World Review" at the United Nations, NYC. The informant continued that subject writes a paper once a week of about eight pages for the above publication and is believed to do some other free lance work of a writing nature.

The Bureau is advised that no info has come to the attention of the NYO indicating that subject has misused her accreditation to the UN. It is noted that subject presently resides at 16 Jumel Terrace, NYC, and appears to visit the UN on almost a daily basis.

Subject is carried on the SI of the New York Division and her SI cards are current and accurate. This case has been reevaluated in the light of SI criteria and this case fits these criteria.

This matter is being placed in a closed status until such time as additional info may be received which would warrant further investigation.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT

DATE: March 2, 1956

FROM : MR. R. R. ROACH

SUBJECT: PASSPORT MATTERS

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On March 1, 1956, [redacted] Passport Office, State Department, advised [redacted] of the Liaison Section that on March 8, 1956, the eight judges of the District Court of Appeals, Washington, will hear the Paul Robeson passport appeals case. Robeson will be represented by Leonard Boudin, New York attorney. [redacted] further stated that immediately following this hearing, the same judges will hear the Leonard Boudin passport appeals case. Boudin will be represented by Harry I. Rand, Washington attorney.

[redacted] stated that his office felt that the March 8 hearings could be a turning point in the current trend toward approving passports for anyone who applies whether they are security risks or not.

ACTION:

For your information.

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- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Bland
- 1 - Liaison Section
- 1 - [redacted]

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : *4* Mr. L. V. Boardman *zfr*

FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont *AKB*

SUBJECT: PAUL ROBESON  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C  
Bufile 100-12304

DATE: March 9, 1956

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Reference is made to New York airtel 3/6/56 which is the weekly summary of intensified coverage of Benjamin J. Davis, Jr., National Committee member, Communist Party, USA, who completed a conditional release term arising from a Smith Act conviction on 2/24/56. The referenced airtel contains data relating to [REDACTED]

on [REDACTED] Davis gave a speech during which he remarked that Paul Robeson's passport is the "key to all." Davis indicated that if a passport is given to Robeson, the State Department cannot refuse a passport to anyone. This is apparently a reference by Davis to the case Robeson has filed against John Foster Dulles as Secretary of State as a result of the State Department's refusal to issue Robeson a passport. Arguments on this case were heard before the U. S. Court of Appeals on 3/8/56 and decision has not as yet been rendered.

In view of Davis' statements concerning significance of the decision in the Robeson case, it is felt that this data should be supplied to the State Department, copies to the Passport Division, and to the Civil Division of the Department with copies for the information of Assistant Attorney General Tompkins. Copies of pertinent reports have previously been supplied to the Department and to State. Significant data concerning Robeson's activities have been forwarded to both agencies by letter as received.

The referenced airtel from New York contains additional data concerning a press conference held by Davis on 3/1/56 which was reported in the "Daily Worker" on the following date. This "Daily Worker" article sets forth Davis' comments concerning the

Enclosure *sent 3-12-56* RECORDED-9. *100-12304-355*  
cc - L. V. Boardman  
A. H. Belmont  
F. J. Baumgardner  
J. A. Jackson  
W. F. Doyle

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cc Bufile 100-149163 (Benjamin Davis)  
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Memorandum for Mr. L. V. Boardman

racial situation in the South, his charge that "Brownell is unfit to be Attorney General of the U. S.," and general statements concerning his feelings on the position of the Negro in the United States. In view of the public source nature of the material contained in the "Daily Worker" article, no dissemination of this data is being made.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached letters to Mr. Dennis A. Flinn, State Department, copies to Miss Frances G. Knight, Passport Division, and to Mr. Warren E. Burger, Civil Division of the Department, copies to Assistant Attorney General Tompkins, summarizing Davis' remarks concerning the significance of the Paul Robeson case be approved.

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cc - Boardman  
Belmont  
Baumgardner  
Jackson  
Doyle

Assistant Attorney General  
Warren E. Burger

March 12, 1956

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Director, FBI

PAUL ROBESON v. JOHN FOSTER DULLES  
(D.C.D.C. CIVIL NO. 169-55)  
FBI File 100-12904

A confidential informant who has furnished reliable information in the past reported that Benjamin J. Davis, Jr., National Committee member, Communist Party, USA, who completed a conditional release sentence on February 24, 1956, arising from a Smith Act conviction, addressed [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] on [REDACTED] during the course of which he stated that Paul Robeson's passport is the "key to all." Davis indicated that he felt if a passport is given to Robeson the State Department cannot refuse a passport to anyone.

The foregoing has been supplied to the Department of State and is being set forth for your confidential information with the suggestion that it not be further disseminated.

2cc - Assistant Attorney General 12/18/80  
William F. Tompkins

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Above caption taken from Departmental memorandum July 26, 1955, which indicates attorneys in Civil Division of Department assigned defense of above passport case. Source of the foregoing information is [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] This is attachment to memo Belmont to Boardman, dated 3/9/56, captioned "Paul Robeson, IS-C," WFD:hif.

cc - Bufile 100-149163 (Benjamin Davis)

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM -- UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

To: Director, FBI

From: Legat, Bonn, Germany (105-0)

Subject: PAUL ROBESON  
53 West 125th St., New York City  
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Date: 3/14/56

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On February 23, 1956, G-2, Hq., US Army Europe, furnished a report dated January 23, 1956 prepared by the Counter Subversive Team of Region VIII, 66th CIC Group, Berlin, Germany, under the title "FDJ ZR; Re: Miscellaneous Information" (Freie Deutsche Jugend, East Germany - Miscellaneous Information). The report was classified confidential. (CIC file D-137897; VIII-24101) (C)X(u)

One section of this report stated, "The following persons and organizations have received copies of the 'Welt Jugend', a monthly magazine of the Democratic World League in Budapest." The captioned name and address was included in this list. The report did not further elaborate on the significance or source of this list. (C)X(u)

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Date: March 12, 1956

To: Mr. Dennis A. Flinn  
Director  
Office of Security  
Department of State  
515 - 22nd Street, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

BY COURIER SERVICE

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: PAUL ROBESON  
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Reference is made to your letter dated  
February 16, 1956.

A confidential informant who has furnished  
reliable information in the past reported that  
Benjamin J. Davis, Jr., National Committee member,  
Communist Party, USA, who completed a conditional  
release sentence on February 24, 1956, arising from  
a Smith Act conviction.

[REDACTED] stated that  
Paul Robeson's passport is the "key to all." Davis  
indicated that he felt if a passport is given to  
Robeson the State Department cannot refuse a passport  
to anyone.

The foregoing has been supplied as  
confidential information and should not be  
disseminated outside your Department.

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2cc - Miss Frances G. Knight  
Director, Passport Office  
Bureau of Security and Consular Affairs  
Department of State  
Washington 25, D. C.

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This is attachment to memo Belmont to  
Boardman, same caption, 2/9/56, WFD:hif.

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Date: 4/6/56

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From SAC, Detroit (100-15889)

To: Director, FBI

PAUL ROBESON, IS - C.

DAYLET. The 4/7/56 issue of the Detroit edition "Pittsburgh Courier" on page 12, section 2, column 4, carries an article stating that PAUL ROBESON will present a full concert program in Windsor, Canada on 4/20/56. The article states that ROBESON's tour is being sponsored by the Jerom Concerts and Artists Ltd. of Canada.

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Mr. Belmont

cc: Mr. London

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